ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

1961

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(Past Grand Commander)

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SCOTTISH RITE

He became a member of Worchester Lodge of Perfection 14°, May 22, 1939; Goddard Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, June 5, 1939. Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, June 19, 1939 and Massachusetts Consistory (Boston) 32°, September 25, 1939.

SHRINE

He is a member of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Boston, Massachusetts and Boston Court No. 103 Royal Order of Jesters.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

He is a Past President of his Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross Chapter, and the Lions Club, all of Leominister, Massachusetts, and an active member in many other Clubs and Civic organizations.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, Inc.

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS *and* RHODE ISLAND

for the YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1961

CLARENCE EVAN BOOTH, *Grand Commander*

October 1, 1960 to October 10, 1961

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

1961

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June 1, 1961

Dear Sir Knights:

This world looks upon TEMPLARY MASONRY with a great deal of respect. It is the mightiest Non-Theologic Christian organization in the world! It stands for the noblest principles in individual life. It is founded on and draws its inspiration from the Christian Religion and the faithful practice of the Christian Virtues.

For many years our Commanderies participated in the Annual Church Service in the Manning Bowl in Lynn, Massachusetts. Many of us remember the Grand Commandery Ascension Sunday Parade and Memorial Service held on May 28, 1950 which was considered the largest Knight Templar Parade in New England in recent years. That was ten years ago!

It is my firm belief that the time has come when *TEMPLARY* must get more publicity. It is my intention, if elected as your Grand Commander, to hold a Knight Templar Parade and Church Service in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 6. I believe that such a parade and service will prove of inestimable value to Templary—although reasonable expenses incident to the same should be restricted.

It is my firm belief that each Commandery would like to participate in and help defray the expenses of such an undertaking. Therefore, I appeal to your Commandery to make a contribution towards this service.

Contributions may be sent to the Grand Recorder, Room 405, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and may be in any amount. If each Commandery would contribute at least $25.00, the total would amount to $1,250.00—individual contribution may be solicited.

Make all checks payable to the Grand Commandery K. T., and checks must be received in Grand Commandery Office not later than October 31, 1961.

I will see that the amount contributed will be reported in my Annual Report, and all monies received will be turned over to this event. May I count on your Commandery's cooperation?

With knightly greetings, I am
Courteously yours,
CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Deputy Grand Commander

Boston, Mass., September 1, 1960

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
Series 1959-1960

To the EMINENT COMMANDERS
and the RECORDERS
Re: GRAND COMMANDERY PARADE
and CHURCH CEREMONY

Sir Knights:

You are hereby requested to carry the following on your COMMANDERY NOTICE:

"Due to peculiar developments beyond the control and comprehension of our Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, it has become necessary to CHANGE the *date* and *place* of the GRAND COMMANDERY PARADE and CHURCH CEREMONY scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 6, 1960 in Worcester, Massachusetts, to:

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 23, 1960
Symphony Hall, Boston, Massachusetts."

Full details will be mailed to your Recorder for enclosure with your Commandery Notices to your Sir Knights.

This is a DIRECT APPEAL TO YOUR SIR KNIGHTS TO PROVE THAT THE GREATEST PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN FRATERNAL ORDER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH IS STILL STRONG AND VIGOROUS AND LOYAL TO ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN KNIGHTHOOD.

Courteously yours,
ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
Grand Commander

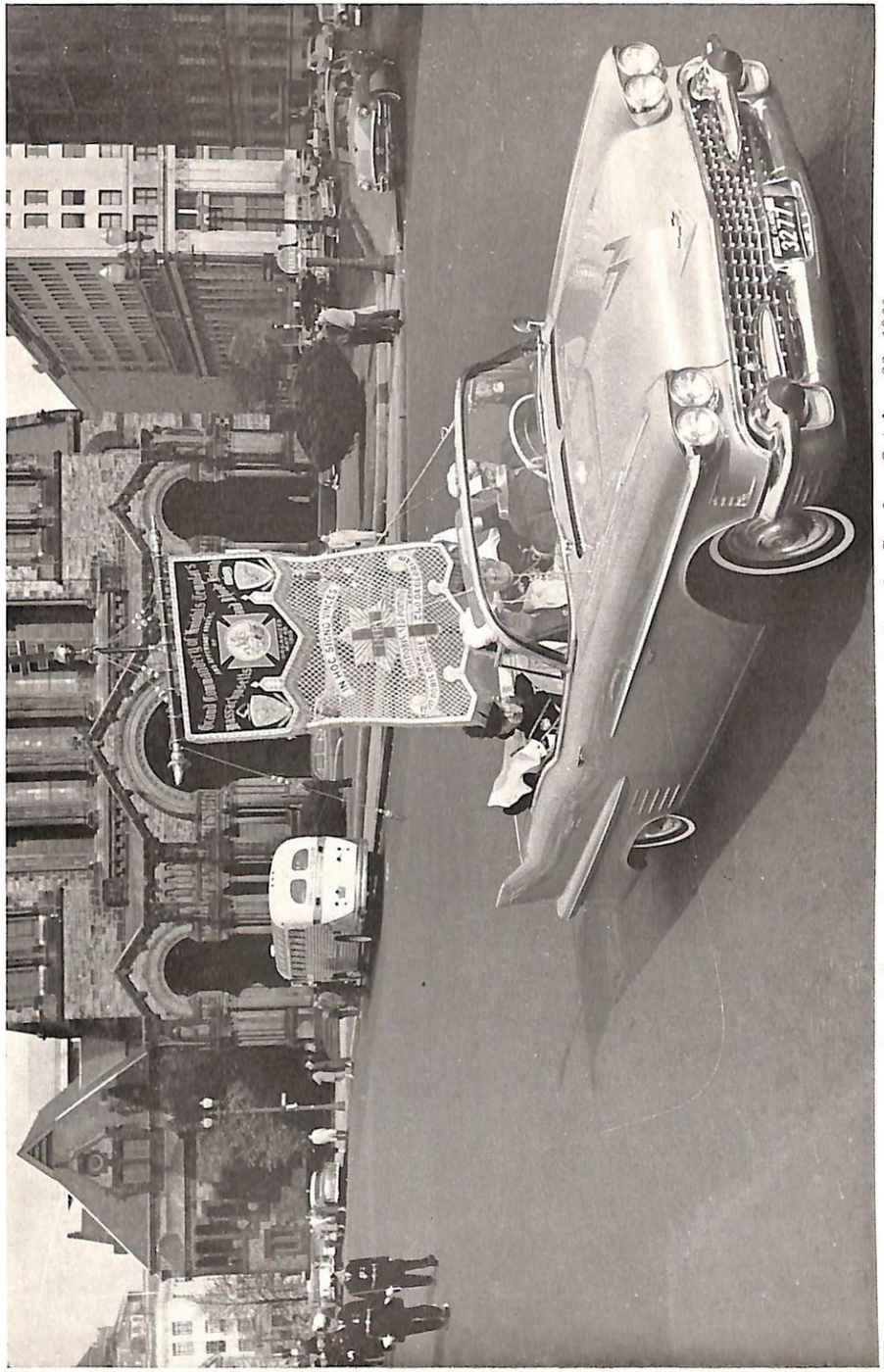
ENH/df
ATTEST:
George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder

Boston, Mass., September 1, 1960

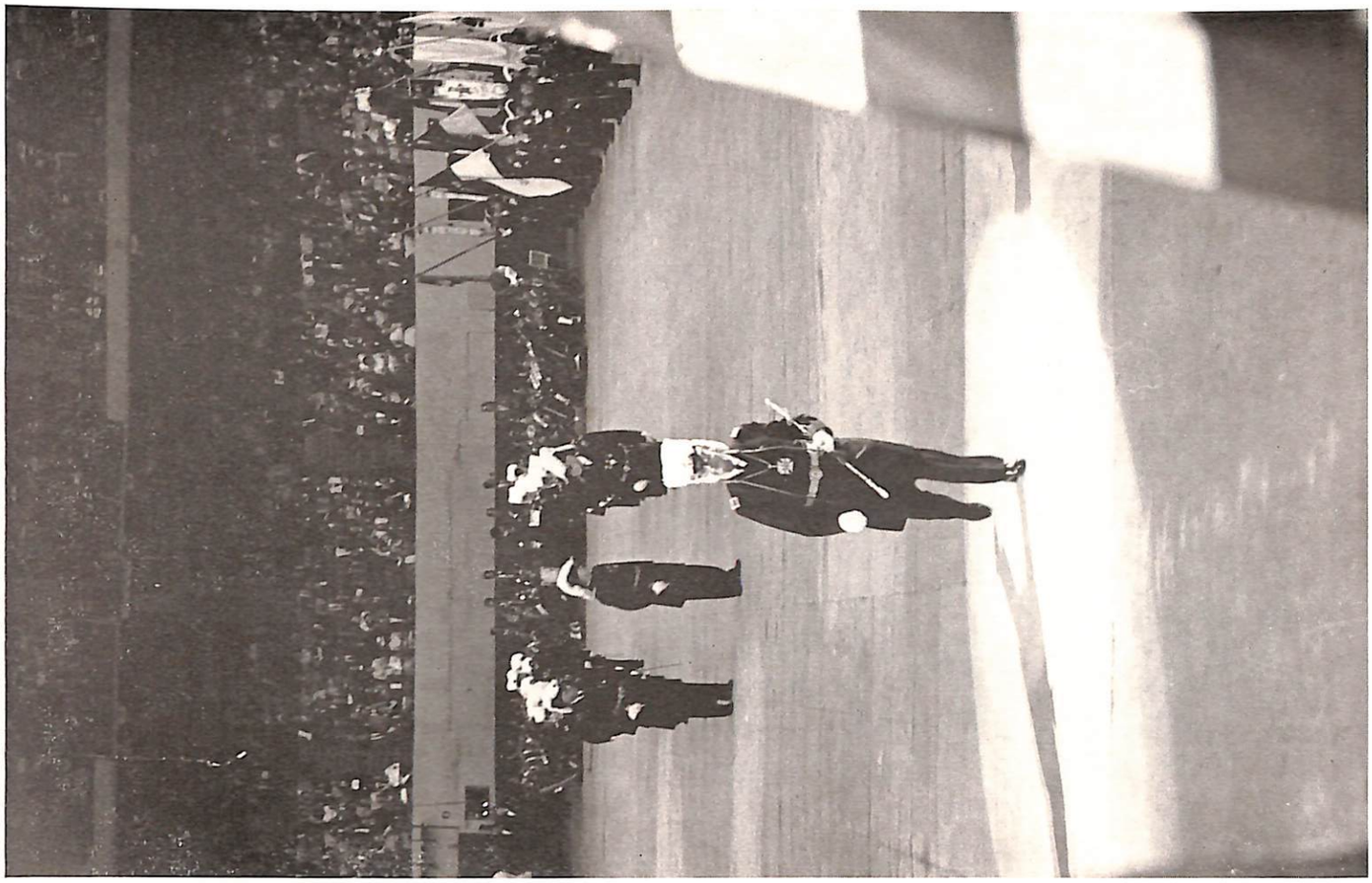
To the DIVISION COMMANDERS:

Owing to the change of date and place of the GRAND COMMANDERY UNIFORMED PARADE AND CHURCH CEREMONY which was scheduled to be held in Worcester, Massachusetts on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, November 6, 1960, and now scheduled to be held on:

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 23, 1960
in Symphony Hall, Boston, Massachusetts



Grand Commandery Banner in Church Parade, Sunday, October 23, 1960



Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, Rt. Em. Grand Commander, passing through the Lines in Boston Garden on All Masonic Night, June 3, 1961

Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, Rt. Em. Grand Commander and Staff passing Historical Trinity Church, Sunday, October 23, 1960 to religious services.

it is my *Order* that you personally visit each Commandery in your Division, preferably by making a visitation to at least *ONE* of their Stated Conclaves, and forcably bring to their attention the necessity of making *a good showing of uniformed Sir Knights* at this GRAND COMMANDERY UNIFORMED PARADE AND CHURCH CEREMONY.

This Grand Commandery Parade and Church Ceremony, for your information, was requested to be cancelled by Worcester County Commandery No. 5 as the Masons and businessmen of Worcester felt that "to hold a parade on the Sunday before election, might be considered a provocative act."

It is also my further *ORDER* that you make a report to the Grand Commandery Office as to the outcome of your visitation to each Commandery and as to the number of Sir Knights who will participate in full Templar uniform in this outstanding event.

It is my opinion that this change in the place and date will assure an EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER PARADE, and your full cooperation will be appreciated.

Courteously yours,

ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
Grand Commander

FORMATION OF PARADE

Each DIVISION COMMANDER is responsible for his *Division*. Report not later than 1:45 P. M. at post.

Each COMMANDERY, plus your BAND, is to be ready to march by 2:25 P. M. *Report* ALL READY to Marshal. Cooperate and BE a Division COMMANDER.

Each EMINENT COMMANDER is responsible for his *Commandery*. Report not later than 2:00 P. M. to Division Commander the number of Sir Knights in unit. BE a Commander.

Interval between Divisions: 25 paces; interval between Commanderies: 12 paces.

Division Formation:
Division Commander alone, 25 paces behind division ahead.
Deputy Grand Warder (one pace to left, one pace to rear).
Band (6 paces to rear of Warder).
Em. Commander of 1st Commandery, alone (12 paces rear of band).
Generalissimo and Captain General, together (2 paces to rear, one pace to left and right).
Past Commanders (2 paces to rear).
Sir Knights in threes or multiples of threes (3 paces to rear).

Arrange in Column, or by Divisions, as desired, colors *together*, where desired.
Prelate, Treasurer and Recorder in ranks, unless Past Commanders.
Uniform requires *black* shoes and *black* trousers, white gloves.
N. B.—ONLY uniformed Sir Knights parade.

Location to report by 2 P. M. Parade STARTS at 2:30 P. M.

I. *On* ARLINGTON STREET, with head of Parade *at* Commonwealth Avenue (outbound), extending back on Arlington Street to Marlboro St.

1. Police.
2. Chief Marshal and Staff.
3. *Aleppo Temple Shrine Band.*
4. Aleppo Temple *Shrine Patrol* escort.
5. Grand Commander and Warder; Grand Commandery Officers (except Division Commanders).
6. Grand Commandery Standard in open car.
7. Grand Senior Warden; D. G. Warder; and *First Division*: Commanderies 2, 3, 5, 6, 7.

II. *On Marlboro Street*, with head of Second Division *at* Arlington, Junior Gr. Warden; D. G. Warder; *Gardner High School Band*, Second Division Commanderies 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

III. On *outbound* side *Commonwealth Ave.* (on grass plot) with Head of Third Division *at* Arlington St.

1. Grand Standard Bearer; D. G. Warder, *Melha Temple Shrine Band;* Third Division Commanderies 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21.
2. Opposite No. 16 Commonwealth Ave (behind Third Division Grand Sword Bearer; D. G. Warder; *Palestine Temple Shrine Band;* Fourth Division Commanderies 22, 24, 26, 27, 29.

IV. On *inbound* side *Commonwealth Ave.* (on grass plot) with Head of Fifth Division *at* Arlington Street.

1. Grand Capt. of Guard; D. G. Warder; *Saugus DeMolay Band;* Fifth Division Commanderies 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.
2. Opposite No. 9 Commonwealth Ave. (on grass plot) to rear of Fifth Division; Commander of Sixth Division; D. G. Warder; *Blue Belles Highlanders* Band; Sixth Division Commanderies: 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43.
3. Opposite No. 21 Commonwealth Ave. (on grass plot) rear of Sixth Division; Commander of 7th Division; D. G. Warder; *Portland Commandery Band;* 7th Division Commanderies: 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, and all visiting Sir Knights.

On arrival at Symphony Hall at junction of Huntington Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue.

1. ALL BANDS and SHRINE PATROL, *cross* Massachusetts Avenue *on Huntington* Avenue.

2. *ALL* uniformed SIR KNIGHTS, turn *right* on *Massachusetts Avenue* to enter hall by *Massachusetts Avenue* entrance.

No tickets required. *Uniformed* men will be seated in orchestra; *ladies* in *balcony;* Grand Commandery Officers and Choir on stage.

Ladies enter by Huntington Avenue entrance ONLY.

In case of heavy rain, go direct to Symphony Hall, ceremonies will be held.

For INFORMATION on day of Parade, up to 1:45 P. M., Call HAncock 6-1973.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
Chief Marshal

A CALL TO THE COLORS IN MASS. & R. I.

Sir Knight Clarence Evan Booth, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island issued "A Call to the Colors" to every Knight Templar in the jurisdiction, stating: "This is a direct appeal to YOU, Sir Knight, to prove that the greatest Protestant Christian Fraternal Order on the face of the earth is still strong and vigorous, and loyal to all the principles of Christian Knighthood. Once again 'the hour has arrived' for each Knight Templar to stand and be counted."

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On Sunday afternoon, October 23, 1960, together with 35 Sir Knights and band from Portland, Maine, 5 from Lafayette of Hudson, New York, and 6 from Temple of Albany, New York, uniformed Knights represented 37 constituent Commanderies formed on Arlington Street, Marlboro Street, and Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, to be escorted by the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band and Patrol, the Melha Temple Shrine Band of Springfield, the Palestine Temple Shrine Band of Providence, the Gardner High School Band, Saugus De Molay Band, and the Blue Belles Highlanders Band of Saugus. Over 1100 uniformed Sir Knights were in line.

Starting promptly at 2:30 p. m. as scheduled, with Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., as Marshal, and Em. Sir Frank B. Ells as Chief of Staff, the parade marched from Arlington Street, to Boylston Street, through Copley Square to Huntington Avenue—a total of one and three-tenths miles—to Symphony Hall.

Honorary members on the Staff of Rt. Em. Grand Commander Clarence E. Booth, together with Grand Commandery Officers not in command of divisions, were Rt. Em. and Rev. Howard T. Joslyn. Department Commander of the North Eastern Department of the Grand Encampment, Rt. Em. Kenneth M. Ritchie, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, and Rt. Em. James Robertson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

The program at Symphony Hall included organ music by Sir Kt. Harry Rodgers, musical selections by the Nehoiden Choristers (40 voices) of Needham under the direction of Sir Kt. Henry Heald, greetings by the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, an impressive memorial ceremony by 12 Grand Commandery officers at the lighted triangle, taps, and an inspiring address by Brother Daniel Marsh, Past President and present Chancellor of Boston University. Rt. Em. and Rev. Howard T. Joslyn delivered the benediction. Rt. Em. Sir R. G. Wilson, Jr., served as Master of Ceremonies. The triangle facilities were made possible through the courtesy of Em. Sir Robert S. Andrews of Boston Commandery No. 2.

Marking the first Grand Commandery parade in New England since May 26, 1950, the parade and special Sabbath Service in Symphony Hall reflected the highest credit on Templary, and it is hoped can be the prelude to revitalized Templary in this Grand jurisdiction.

November 1, 1960

To the EMINENT COMMANDER
and Sir Knights

Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure, at this time, to personally thank you and through you the Sir Knights who so willingly participated and helped to make our Parade and Church Service the great success that it was.

It is my firm belief that it was one of the most outstanding parades that we have had since Right Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. ran the last parade here in Boston ten years ago. The message we heard from the Reverend and Doctor Daniel Marsh was timely and very impressive. I feel certain that all who participated were well rewarded for their time and effort.

If your Commandery was one of the Commanderies that donated to this service financially, I want to again thank you for having done so for without your financial assistance, we would never have been able to promote such a parade and have such an outstanding display of Templary in the City of Boston as we did.

If time would permit it, I would come to see you at your Commandery and thank each Sir Knight for answering the "Call to the Colors" and for being present. It would please me greatly if you would read this letter at the Head of your Line so that each Sir Knight will know our feelings in Grand Commandery.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
Grand Commander

CEB/df

ALL MASONIC NIGHT

May 17, 1961

To the Eminent Commander:

Your Commandery is congratulated on being one of the 35 Commanderies accepting the invitation of the Grand Commander to serve as his escort on the occasion of the All-Masonic Night sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine at the Boston Garden on Saturday evening, June 3, 1961. These Commanderies with colors and uniformed Sir Knights totaling 749 have loyally complied with the earnest request of the Grand Commander to assure a colorful and impressive display of Templary on this great occasion.

This year, Uniformed Sir Knights, instead of being seated on Garden floor, will join their *ladies. Reserved seats in Auditorium.* Therefore enclosed are number of tickets requested by you, times *two.* Sir Knights will join ladies after escort duty on Garden floor.

More detailed instructions will follow. *Dress* is full Templar uniform, with *sword.*

1. The enclosed represent two tickets for use by each Sir Knight you have guaranteed will be present *in uniform.* If not used, they are to be returned. Also, if any Sir Knight has also applied through his Blue Lodge and receives two additional tickets, it is expected that he will mail same back at once to R. G. Wilson, Jr., at 73 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Mass.

2. You will note the reserved seat for LADY is held until 7:00 P. M.

3. An assembly point in the Garden will be made available for banners, and possible uniform changes. Enter West Lobby (Hotel Madison end of Garden). Further instructions will follow.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
Grand Commander

ALL MASONIC NIGHT

On June 3, 1961, Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. again sponsored another outstanding 'All Masonic Night' at the Boston Garden.

The Commanderies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island were very well represented. We had thirty-five Commanderies, seven hundred and forty-nine uniformed Sir Knights including fifteen uniformed Sir Knights of Hugh de Paynes, number 19 of Easton, Pennsylvania, plus twenty-seven Grand Commandery Officers. I have attended all but one of these All Masonic Nights, and have always gotten a real thrill out of them, but never have I, in my whole life had such a thrill and wonderful experience as when I marched through the lines of these Sir Knights who were all at attention, also to see the thousands of people who filled the seats on the sidelines. Anyone who attended could not help but be impressed. We as Knights Templar should well realize how fortunate we are to be allowed to take part with all our Commanderies and to be able to display our colors as we do.

We owe a great deal of Thanks to Aleppo Shrine and to Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who for many months puts in long hours and a lot of planning to make this go off so smoothly and on time as it does.

On behalf of this Grand Commandery I want to Thank them.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
Grand Commander.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Inc. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

158TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, OCTOBER 10, 1961

The One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts. Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided.

Divine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight and Reverend W. Irving Monroe, Jr., Associate Grand Prelate.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee reported that there were 130 Sir Knights present, representing 38 Commanderies.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

SIR KNIGHT CLARENCE E. BOOTH.....*R. E. Grand Commander*
SIR KNIGHT RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS....*V. E. Deputy Grand Commander*
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM F. WEST.....*E. Grand Generalissimo*
SIR KNIGHT LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN.....*E. Grand Captain General*
SIR KNIGHT RUSSELL R. LONG.....*E. Grand Senior Warden*
SIR KNIGHT G. BURTON LONG.....*E. Grand Junior Warden*
SIR KNIGHT W. IRVING MONROE, JR.....*E. Associate Grand Prelate*
SIR KNIGHT GEORGE A. WEEKS.....*R. E. Grand Recorder*
SIR KNIGHT HERMAN C. MCSTAY.....*E. Grand Standard Bearer*
SIR KNIGHT GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.....*E. Grand Sword Bearer*
SIR KNIGHT CHARLES D. HARRINGTON.....*E. Grand Warder*
SIR KNIGHT GORDON C. PLAYER.....*E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
SIR KNIGHT CLARENCE R. DAVIS.....*E. Grand Sentinel*
SIR KNIGHT NORMAN L. STAVELY.....*E. Division Commander*
SIR KNIGHT JACK RICHARD BAKER.....*E. Division Commander*
SIR KNIGHT THOMAS C. BROWN.....*E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R. E. SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
R. E. SIR HARRIE M. TAFT
R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE
R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
R. E. SIR ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now, if the Officers, who have been chosen to present the Grand Officers, will retire at this time, I will send immediately to receive them. Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, you will form an Escort and retire to escort our Distinguished Guests.

LIST OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

R. E. SIR GEORGE BARCLAY, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, representing R. E. SIR FREDERICK R. MACLAUGHLIN, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New York and R. E. SIR WARD I. EKAS, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New York—Introduced by R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON.

R. E. SIR RALPH E. BERRY, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Vermont and R. E. SIR GEORGE E. CUMMINGS, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont—Introduced by R. E. SIR ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY.

R. E. SIR CARL A. BUSWELL, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of New Hompshire—Introduced by R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE.

R. E. SIR CARL W. TAYLOR, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Connecticut and R. E. SIR JAMES ROBERTSON, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut—Introduced by EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU.

R. E. SIR JAMES H. SMITH, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine and R. E. SIR KENNETH M. RITCHIE, Past Grand Commander of Maine—Introduced by V. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS.

R. E. SIR GEORGE W. GRANT, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey and R. E. SIR STANLEY P. MATTHEWS, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey—Introduced by R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

R. E. SIR ETREBIL A. SCHAUB, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland representing R. E. SIR WILLIAM H. GERLACH, JR., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland—Introduced by R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER.

R. E. SIR ROLAND RICHARDS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia—Introduced by R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER.

ILL. EMIL U. DILLENBACK, 33°, Deputy of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction—Introduced by R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS.

MOST ILL. JAMES C. BAYLEY, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, and MOST ILL. ARNOLD C. WHITE, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island—Introduced by R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE.

MOST EX. STANLEY F. MAXWELL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts and MOST EX. KENNETH E. WILDER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island—Introduced by R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE.

MOST EX. WILLIAM FOSTER CLARK, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons—Introduced by R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON.

ILL. GEORGE B. ROWELL, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.—Introduced by R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

R. E. SIR GUY I. ROBB, Department Commander Northeastern Division of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U.S.A.—Introduced by R. E. SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY.

R. E. SIR WILBER M. BRUCKER, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A., personal representative of SIR KNIGHT PAUL M. MOORE, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U.S.A.—Introduced by GEORGE A. WEEKS.

MOST WOR. LAURENCE E. EATON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts and MOST WOR. J. STAFFORD ALLEN, Grand Master of Masons for Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and RT. WOR. JOHN N. HALL, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts—Introduced by R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Sir Captain of the Guard and to the Em. Sirs and Sir Knights of Saint Bernard Commandery who have acted as an Escort this morning, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the very fine work you have done this morning in handling the escort work for us. I understand that some of you Sir Knights have obligations you wish to keep this morning so you will be excused but you are welcome to stay if you wish. I just wanted you to know how much we appreciated your work this morning.

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD: R. E. Sir, if I might be permitted on behalf of the Escort I want to thank you and the Officers. It has been our pleasure to do this.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: The next order of business on the agenda will be the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time I will ask the R. E. Grand Recorder to read the Roll of Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	EM. SIR WILLIAM TURNER
Arizona	EM. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
Arkansas	EM. SIR CHARLES W. GURDY
California	EM. SIR HERMAN C. MCSTAY
Colorado	EM. SIR ROBERT E. POWELL
Connecticut	EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU
District of Columbia	R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
Florida	R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
Georgia	EM. SIR JAMES R. HOOPER
Idaho	EM. SIR HOWARD L. GREER
Illinois	EM. SIR ARTHUR H. ERICKSON
Indiana	EM. SIR FRANK BROWN ELLS
Iowa	EM. SIR PRESCOTT W. EATON
Kansas	EM. SIR JAMES C. BAYLEY
Kentucky	EM. SIR HAROLD L. BURR
Louisiana	EM. SIR WILLIAM S. COOPER
Maine	V. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
Maryland	R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
Michigan	EM. SIR WILLIAM F. CLARK
Minnesota	R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
Montana	EM. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.
Nebraska	EM. SIR JOHN F. MITCHELL

Nevada.....Em. Sir Alexander Campbell
New Hampshire.....R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
New Mexico.....Em. Sir Charles D. Harrington
New York.....R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson
North Carolina.....Em. Sir William F. West
Ohio.....R. E. Sir George A. Weeks
Oklahoma.....Em. Sir H. Wallace Kirkpatrick
Oregon.....Em. Sir George Ringchrist
Pennsylvania.....Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown
South Dakota.....Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher
Tennessee.....Em. Sir Chester G. Parsons
Texas.....R. E. Sir Clarence E. Booth
Utah.....Em. Sir John J. Mick
Vermont.....R. E. Sir Elliott N. Holley
Virginia.....Em. Sir Clarence R. Davis
Washington.....R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague
West Virginia.....R. E. Sir Harrie M. Taft
Wyoming.....R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, I am happy to greet you here this morning and hope you will carry back to your respective States near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island our Knightly and Fraternal greetings and report to them of the things that are of progress and importance to their Grand Commandery. I thank you for being here at this roll call and congratulations.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Boston, Massachusetts, October 10, 1961

Sir Knights:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you all to this, the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the oldest Grand Commandery and the only Grand Commandery with a two-state jurisdiction.

I am very happy to welcome all the distinguished guests from our sister jurisdictions, most of you I know personally and have for many years. I value this friendship and greatly appreciate the warm feeling that exists between our Grand Commanderies.

The ravages of time have as usual taken their toll, and many of our outstanding Templars have laid down their swords to enter the Asylum above.

We were all saddened by the passing of two of our Past Grand Commanders, Rt. Eminent Sir John E. Rines, for many years a trustee of our permanent fund, and our Grand Treasurer, Rt. Eminent Sir A. Kenneth Martin, both of these Sir Knights were true Templars of the Cross and were always ready to stand up and be counted.

(We will meet, but we shall miss them.)

At this time we will suspend and listen to the report from the Committee on Necrology while they pay further tribute to our departed Sir Knights.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Boston, Mass., Ortober 10, 1961

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year ending October 1960 to October 10, 1961.

Recorded is the departure of 398 Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery, 33 Past Commanders of some, and 2 Past Grand Commanders.

The sword of grief struck deep in the body of our beloved Grand Commandery in the passing of R. E. Sir John Eugene Rines and R. E. Sir Alfred Kenneth Martin, both dedicated servants of our Grand Commandery in its fiscal affairs and the latter our Grand Treasurer, God rest their souls! Having carried the heavy cross of devoted service and sacrifice, theirs is now the Crown.

Each of our brother Knights, who have passed from our earthly sight and whom we mourn, have reached the Goal of Pilgrimage. Having waged warfare for God and the Right, theirs is now the victory and blessed peace. Having made their knightly profession, they have received the sacramental benefit of pilgrim penitents. They have cherished great men and beloved servants of mankind in devout remembrance, taking in their hands the chalice of the last earthly sacrament. In the sacred communion of the mortality of the body, crowned by faith in the immortally of the soul, they have partaken in an Action that marks entry into the life of the world to come.

We, their Fraters, still on the way in the pilgrimage of earthly life, cherish in grateful remembrance these beloved Sir Knights. In confidence in God's mercy, we commend their souls to their Heavenly Father, God rest their souls in peace eternal! God grant that they may rise again in newness of life with the dawn of the Everlasting Morning. May the Light Perpetual be the light upon their path as they progress onward and upward in the realm beyond the Great Divide, the world of the life to come.

To those who mourn and remember our beloved Sir Knights, who have gone ahead of us, and whose names are appended hereto and made a part thereof, we offer the

Knightly sympathy of all the members of this Grand Commandery and the faith of the Templar Rite. In that faith we look forward to the time when God's will is done in the final reunion of all souls. With the Blessed Emanuel and them, we shall partake anew of the Fruit of the Vine in the eternal Kingdom of God. In Faith, Hope, and Charity we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross in which we shall conquer.

Courteously submitted,

E. SIR AND REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL, *Chairman*
E. SIR AND REV. W. IRVING MONROE, JR.
E. SIR WILLIAM J. O'NEIL, JR.
E. SIR RALPH E. NOBLE

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Commandery	*Past Commanders*	*Date of Death*
Boston No. 2	Fred H. Wilcke	Dec. 2, 1960
Worcester County No. 5	John King Ruggles, Jr.	Feb. 26, 1961
	Arthur G. Milton	May 29, 1961
Springfield No. 6	Augustus Clark Lamb	Jan. 23, 1961
	Albert E. Taylor	Feb. 23, 1961
De Molay No. 7	Fremont Eggleston	Nov. 28, 1960
	George Irving Lawley	June 10, 1961
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	Chester A. Southworth	Feb. 12, 1961
Pilgrim No. 9	Edgar Maurice Kent	Jan. 27, 1961
Milford No. 11	Yandall Anderson	Feb. 18, 1961
Calvary No. 13	Henry W. Schroeder	Oct. 12, 1960
Haverhill No. 14	Daniel C. Hunt	April 30, 1961
	John Eugene Rines	Nov. 29, 1960
Old Colony No. 15	Charles William Waterman	July 8, 1960
Sutton No. 16	Edward M. Munson	June 13, 1961
Hugh De Payens No. 20	Claude Leroy Allen	Mar. 21, 1961
	Reginald Wooldridge	Nov. 15, 1960
St. Omer No. 21	George Mills Rogers	Aug. 6, 1961
Berkshire No. 22	Leroy Ebenezer Shaw	April 29, 1961
Joseph Warren No. 26	Elliott Freeman Jaquith	April 21, 1961
Bristol No. 29	George W. Cook	Nov. 12, 1960
Northampton No. 30	Eugene Lee Sheldon	Aug. 11, 1960
South Shore No. 31	George Allerton Holmes	Jan. 18, 1961
	Alfred Kenneth Martin	May 31, 1961
Trinity No. 32	Edwin Martin Popp	Aug. 6, 1960
	Frank Harrison Goettler	Feb. 3, 1961
Natick No. 33	Chester Frederick Augustin	Feb. 11, 1961
Coeur De Lion No. 34	Ervin A. Eastman	June 28, 1961
Athol No. 37	Andrew J. Wall	Mar. 11, 1961
Cyprus No. 39	Howard E. White	Dec. 15, 1960
Cambridge No. 42	Leonard Horace Hicks	Sept. 7, 1960
Ivanhoe No. 46	Clarence William Hammond	Oct. 7, 1960
Quincy No. 47	Howard F. Palmer	Aug. 12, 1960
Thos. Smith Webb No. 51	Alfred Griswold Chaffee	May 2, 1961

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Arizona	R. E. SIR FRED ORMAL GOODELL	Sept. 6, 1961
	R. E. SIR WILLIAM ANDREW HART	Aug. 9, 1961
	R. E. SIR WILLIAM EFFINGHAM HOGEL	Nov. 13, 1960
California	R. E. SIR CHARLES LAFAYETTE SNYDER	Jan. 13, 1961
Connecticut	R. E. SIR THOMAS FRANCIS CASSIDY	Feb. 5, 1961
Dist. of Columbia	R. E. SIR PERCY WILKINSON JONES	Nov. 24, 1960
	R. E. SIR ARCHIBALD CORBET STARK	Jan. 12, 1961
Florida	R. E. SIR WARNER TIGHMAN HAMM	June 12, 1961
Georgia	R. E. SIR J. WARNER NEAL	Nov. 19, 1960
	R. E. SIR CHARLES W. PIDCOCK, JR.	Jan. 16, 1961
Idaho	R. E. SIR EUGENE MARTIN GILLETTE	Oct. 9, 1960
Iowa	R. E. SIR FORREST P. HAGAN	Aug. 14, 1960
Kansas	R. E. SIR CHARLES ALTON LOUCKS	Dec. 28, 1960
	R. E. SIR CLARENCE GRIFFITH NEVINS	May 26, 1961
	R. E. SIR BENJAMIN SANFORD PAULEN	July 11, 1961
Kentucky	R. E. SIR MILES HILLEY HARDING DAVIS	June 29, 1961
Louisiana	R. E. SIR CHESTER PAUL DERVELOY	Aug. 22, 1961
	R. E. SIR HENRY ARCHIPPUS WILLIAMS	May 1, 1961
Mississippi	R. E. SIR ANDREW BROWN LEARNED	April 9, 1961
Missouri	R. E. SIR RAY VAUGHN DENSLOW	Sept. 10, 1960
New Hampshire	R. E. SIR EARLE CALNO QUIMBY	Mar. 19, 1961
New Jersey	R. E. SIR WILLIAM BECK	Jan. 7, 1961
	R. E. SIR FRANCIS EUGENE DEVINE	April 18, 1961
New Mexico	R. E. SIR OLIVER C. PAYNE	Aug. 20, 1961
North Dakota	R. E. SIR RALPH LESLIE MILLER	Jan. 23, 1961
	R. E. SIR HERBERT G. PROCTOR	April 3, 1961
Ohio	R. E. SIR FRANKLIN OSCAR SCHOEDINGER	April 10, 1961
Oregon	R. E. SIR GEORGE WASHINGTON DUNN	April 15, 1961
	R. E. SIR CURTIS BENTLY WINN	Mar. 29, 1961
Tennessee	R. E. SIR WILLIAM THOMAS GERHARDT	July 14, 1961
	R. E. SIR WILLIAM JOSIAH SANDERS, JR.	Sept. 14, 1961
Washington	R. E. SIR EUGENE MARTIN GILLETTE	Oct. 9, 1960
	R. E. SIR RALPH WESLEY MCKERRACHER	Oct. 18, 1960
West Virginia	R. E. SIR MATTHIAS WALL DUGAN	Mar. 21, 1961
	R. E. SIR ALBERT EDWIN KNEE	Oct. 30, 1960
	R. E. SIR CHARLES E. MORRISON	April 5, 1961
Wisconsin	R. E. SIR WALTER HUGO KOEHLER	Jan. 28, 1961
	R. E. SIR MILLER WHITWORTH LEARY	July 16, 1961
	R. E. SIR FRANK MEREDITH WEINHOLD	Sept. 27, 1961

RECEPTION

On October 29th, 1961, my own Commandery, Jerusalem, number nineteen gave me a reception in Leominster, Massachusetts, at the new Armory, which was and is one of the highlights of my Templar life. I was highly honored by my many friends in Templary, also my many friends at home. My good friend Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., did his usual fine job as toastmaster, after which I was presented a very lovely gold wrist watch which I will cherish the rest of my life.

VISITATIONS

I made many visitations, attending both in York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies, and I am very pleased to be a mem-

ber of both and to be able to tell of the close co-operation and friendship that exists between the two Rites. I also made forty Inspections. Mrs. Booth and myself attended the Annual Conclaves of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Maryland. I regret that I was unable to attend Vermont, Washington, D. C., and the Virginia's, this was due to other committments that I had made. We also attended many Ladies' Nights.

I was very pleased to be invited to several Veteran's nights and have the pleasure of presenting jewels to the Sir Knights, who have been Sir Knights for forty and fifty years. I firmly believe that these visitations are very important, to cement better feelings and understanding between the Sir Knights.

THE TEMPLAR

The Templar has again been published once a month and I have tried each month to bring you a timely and interesting message about Templary and the events that were taking place, also tried to inform you of the assistance and great help that we have received from the Presiding Council's Club and the Past Commander's Association. I only wish that our budget would permit the extra expense so that every Sir Knight could receive this publication. To our Grand Recorder, for items of interest that he furnished about other jurisdictions and the Grand Encampment and to Eminent Sir LeRoy Jones for his many hours of work in compiling the information on membership, my many Thanks.

GRAND COMMANDER'S BALL

Under the auspices of the Presiding Council's Club the Grand Commander's Ball was held at the Hotel Statler in Boston, in April. It was one of the most colorful and very well attended Ball's we have had. There were four drill teams that participated. This being the Triennial year, I made a promise after a meeting with the Presiding Council's Club that we would take the winning team to the Triennial with all expenses paid. This was won by Holy Sepulchre, number Eight, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Sir Knights this is one of the *High Lights* of our Commandery year. I sincerely hope that it will be continued for many years to come. I believe that more and more Sir Knights should make it a must and attend, for it is this high type of entertainment that gives Templary the kind of publicity that it needs, and is worthy of.

MEMBERSHIP

I regret to report a net loss for the year of fifty-eight, this is the first loss that this Grand Commandery has

shown in sixteen years. Thirteen Commanderies exceeded their quota, and it is interesting to note that of the thirteen Commanderies that made these quotas that they were the smaller Commanderies in the jurisdiction. In Massachusetts, we show a loss of thirty members, which is the first time that this has happened in sixteen years, however, it is very encouraging to inform you that Rhode Island who has shown a loss of seventy-five to a hundred for several years; this year has cut these losses down to twenty-eight, and I am pleased to tell you that true Templar spirit exists among the seven Commanderies there, and I feel sure that with the good co-operation that exists between them, that at our next Annual they will cut this loss and possibly show a slight increase.

Realizing the serious situation we were in, in regards to quotas each month, I arranged for a busy man's class, and strongly urged each Commandery to Knight all candidates before closing; but in spite of our many requests, we are carrying over one hundred and fifteen petitions. This Sir Knights is a very serious situation, for experience has taught us that when we carry them over to the following year, about one half of these hold-overs are never Knighted. This of course is due to their loosing interest during the summer months. We can not afford to loose a single candidate. I strongly suggest that we find some method to Knight every candidate before recessing for the summer vacation.

Our Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Most Eminent Louis H. Wieber, has urged that we give the matter of Demits and Suspensions serious thought. We in this Grand Commandery heeded well his advise and issued an official order that no Demits or Suspensions be granted without first contacting Grand Commandery office and filling out a form that we might assist in trying to save this Sir Knight; remembering that the one we save might be worth two that we get.

The figures are:

Admitted	594	
Affiliated	25	
Reinstated	13	632
Demitted	129	
Suspended	116	
Deaths	433	
Errors	12	690

Total loss fifty-eight; which could and should have been avoided.

ACTIVITIES

On October 1, 1960 when I was Installed as Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery I said that I believed that it was time that we stopped 'Hiding Our Light Under a Bushel', and the one thing that I felt we needed most was to have more Activities; whereby we could publicize Templary, and above all, that I felt the time had come when we should stand up and be counted. This I used as a slogan throughout the year.

CHURCH PARADE AND RELIGIOUS SERVICE

We started our Activities by having as you know, a Parade and Church Service. This was scheduled for November 6th, 1960 in Worchester, Massachusetts, but because of problems we were forced to move this to Boston. This is the first large Parade sponsored by Grand Commandery that we have had since 1950, when Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., then Grand Commander sponsored one in Boston.

We had a very successful event, there were better than one thousand Sir Knights in Uniform, making seven Divisions and each Division having a band.

We marched from Boston Common to the Symphony Hall where we had a very inspiring talk from Rev. Dr. Marsh of Boston University. I am happy to tell you that the address by Dr. Marsh was so outstanding and timely in this year of confusion that it won for him the (Freedom Foundation George Washington Honor Medal Award.) We too should be proud that through Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., we were honored by a man of such high standards as our speaker.

This was as you know a rather expensive affair, costing better than double what it would have cost in other Cities, however, I am happy to report that with the help of my own Commandery, who gave me my financial start on this project and those Commanderies, plus the men in Worcester who agreed to pick up the balance because of the change in this Religious Service. It was a financial success and I am happy to report that all obligations were paid.

My many Thanks to Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who as Chairman of this Religious Service worked many long hours to make this Parade the success it was, and to our Grand Recorder, Rt. Eminent Sir George A. Weeks, who played a very active part.

I firmly believe Sir Knights that we must do more of this and get ourselves out in the open where we can be seen, for I feel that with the serious conditions that exist in this troubled world today, if we do not make more public appear-

ances, and Stand Up and Be Counted, that we might not have that privilege.

On November 26, 1960, Holy Sepulchre Commandery and Milford Commandery put on the Full Form Orders of the Red Cross and Malta. For dinner Holy Sepulchre put on the Feast of Belshazzar. This was another one of the highlights of my year, as my only son took both Orders and was given the honor of being the active Candidate. There were several candidates and full side lines. Anyone witnessing this could not help but be impressed.

On December 29, 1960, my own Commandery, Jerusalem number Nineteen at my request run a special Conclave so my Son could receive the Order of the Temple while home from college during the Christmas Holidays. The work was put on by all Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders, it was my happy pleasure to do from the Fifth Libation on I assure you that as Grand Commander it was a great thrill to Knight my own son, and to see the Asylum filled to over capacity with Sir Knights in Uniform. I am sure the Candidate was well impressed as were the Sir Knights on the side lines. I also had the pleasure of Knighting my brother at Reading Commandery with the same group of Officers filling the chairs.

My many Thanks to Holy Sepulchre, Milford, Jerusalem and Reading Commanderies for their splendid co-operation.

On January 28th, 1961, Mrs. Booth and I were invited to attend a meeting and luncheon at Worcester of the Presiding Councils Club and their Ladies'. It was very delightful and very impressive. Everyone had a wonderful lunch and a marvelous time. The ladies were conducted on a shopping tour by the ladies of Worcester while the men held a meeting, which was very constructive and helpful to all and was also helpful to me and Grand Commandery.

On February 17, 1961, the Past Commanders Association held a Ladies' Night at 1200 Beacon Street to which Mrs. Booth and I were again invited. This was a very fine evening, it was run by the Past Commanders Association to again bring Templary out in the light.

It was a very high type event and enjoyed by all who attended, however, it was disappointing to see how little support it got from the Commanderies in this jurisdiction. Sir Knights I am sure that if more of the Knights knew the amount of good that these two organizations do that they would have no trouble in getting support that they rightly deserve.

I made it a must, to attend all of these activities that I was invited to, for I, for one, realize the great need we in Grand Commandery have for their assistance. They actual-

ly take over our social obligations and put them across for us.

On Saturday, February 18, 1961 I attended one of the most outstanding Veterans and Ladies' Nights I have ever witnessed at Athol Commandery, there were two hundred and fifty Sir Knights and their Ladies present.

I attended many Ladies Nights, also several Veterans nights to present forty and fifty year jewels and bars.

FINANCES

Section No. 5 of Article VIII of our Constitution requires that a Grand Commander keep his expenditures within the budget submitted by the Finance Committee and adopted by this Grand Commandery.

Although the income anticipated from the Knightings did not reach the figures in the estimated budget for the year, I am pleased to report that we operated in the black. In no instance did we go in the red on any budget item.

For several years we have felt the need for new tactics, last year it was voted by the tactic committee to print new ones. I am pleased to report that this project was completed this year. It is gratifying to say that most every Commandery has purchased these tactics. We still have a good inventory of these for the future.

We completed the year 1960-1961 with a total Surplus amounting to $3,775.38 with an inventory in our Office Supplies and etc. amount to $1,390.70.

As 1961 was the Triennial Year of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of U. S. A., in order to meet the anticipated expenses, it was necessary for me to request of the *Trustees of the Grand Fund* the sum of $5325.00 from the *Income Account* with the understanding that any unexpended balance would be returned to the *Income Account of the Grand Fund,* at the close of our fiscal year.

I therefore, recommend that $2,600.00, which is the unexpended balance, be returned to the *Income Account* of the *Grand Fund* and that $1,000.00 of the still remaining balance in the Surplus be transferred to the 1964 *Triennial Account.*

SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

At our Annual Conclave in 1960, it was voted that because of our Corporation set-up, it would not be necessary to hold a Semi-Annual Conclave, and that a Grand Commander could call a Special Meeting any time he saw fit; ours being the only two state jurisdiction, and our Annual being held in Boston, I felt that definitely we should have something in Rhode Island to replace the Semi-Annual so as to give them the proper recognition they so rightly deserve.

After talking with the Past Commanders and Officers of the seven Commanderies in Rhode Island, we decided on an Outing and boat trip, to which all the Sir Knights in Massachusetts and Rhode Island could attend. Unfortunately this date was set up for June, only to find that it conflicted, as many of our Sir Knights would be returning from the Shrine Convention in Miami and would be unable to attend it. This was then postponed until July. The plans completed and a boat chartered, again we found that it conflicted with the Grand Council of Massachusetts. This time we had no alternative but to go through with our plans as planned. For our first attempt was a success and a good time was had by all. Usually we have fifty or sixty at a Semi-Annual. This year on the boat trip we had an attendance of over one hundred and forty Sir Knights. I strongly suggest that such a project be continued in the future, for I feel certain that this will improve our attendance. My many thanks to Rt. Eminent Sir Kenneth H. Earle and Eminent Sir Jack Richard Baker, Commander of the Seventh Division, who worked long and hard to make this possible, also the Past Commanders Association for their splendid support.

RHODE ISLAND

The last two years at our Annual Conclave, Rhode Island was severly criticized for their part in this Grand Commandery. I promised in my acceptance remarks that I would definitely support and do my part to help Rhode Island this year. Thanks to Eminent Sir Jack Richard Baker who very generously donated the use of his home. We held several meetings with the presiding council officers of each Rhode Island Commandery, plus the heads of all the Grand Bodies in Rhode Island. I am very pleased to say that we only show a net loss in Rhode Island of twenty-eight against a net loss of sixty-five the year before. I am pleased to tell you that with the organization they now have that Rhode Island will soon be showing a gain.

I assure you all, that the feeling in Rhode Island is much improved, so let me go on record and say that we need Rhode Island as much as they need Massachusetts and that we should never think of separating; this one and only two state jurisdiction. Let us keep up this good feeling and let us all remember that vow in our obligation; whereby we agree to go a distance of forty miles to help a distressed Sir Knight. Let us give help where help is needed and not try to step on them when they are down; surely let us always remember that we are Christian Knights. I am proud of Rhode Island and of the co-operation that they have given me this year.

CITATIONS OR CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Thirteen years ago, we inaugurated a plan to give citations to Commanders and Commanderies "in recognition and appreciation of outstanding achievements" which stands as a mark of distinction in the promotion of Templary during the past year.

I take pleasure, at this time, in making Presentations to the following Commanders:

Cambridge Commandery No. 42 K. T.—Sir Knight Norman L. Logan, Eminent Commander for obtaining 210% of their Quota.

Berkshire Commandery No. 22 K. T.—Sir Knight Mishael D. Hashim, Eminent Commander for the greatest Net Gain in Membership (27). For obtaining 194% of the Quota for the Fifth time. For second in the Number of Petitions received (37).

Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T.—Sir Knight Gareth C. Rouillard, Eminent Commander for obtaining 184% of their Quota.

Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K. T.—Sir Knight James J. Mellor, Eminent Commander for obtaining 41 petitions.

Haverhill Commandery No. 14 K. T.—Sir Knight Mark Mavrofrides, Eminent Commander for obtaining 41 petitions—obtaining 157% of their Quota.

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the following Commanderies for their efforts in taking up the challenge to promote Templary. The Following Commanderies have exceeded their Quotas and should have Honorable Mention:

Godfrey de Bouillon	No. 25	166%
Orange	No. 45	160%
South Shore	No. 31	150%
Bethany	No. 17	130%
Thomas Smith Webb	No. 51	123%
Reading	No. 50	122%
Coeur de Lion	No. 34	116%
Cyprus	No. 39	109%
Jerusalem	No. 19	105%

INSPECTIONS

All Commanderies held Annual Inspections. A full report will be given later by the Inspector Instructor.

It was necessary to visit two commanderies with the Division Commanders who felt that it was not possible to put on their Inspection. After planning and assuring them that we in Grand Commandery would assist them, they agreed that they could do it. I am pleased to say that they did a very respectful job and earned the mark that they were given.

This year again we used the full form opening ceremony, recess at six-thirty for dinner, and reconvening at seven forty-five for the reception of the Inspecting Officer, then doing Inspection and Review, the Fifth Libation, Knighting

and the Flag. In most Commanderies the work was completed by nine o'clock.

The marking was done by four marking Officers, with the hope of a more uniform marking system. I feel sure that progress is being made in that direction.

YORK RITE NIGHTS

York Rite Nights were successfully held at Waltham, Boston, Amherst, Newburyport and Lowell, and by the York Rite Committee of Rhode Island at the Shrine Temple at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, Rhode Island. At most of these the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and the Ill. Master of the Grand Council were present. The Grand Commandery was represented by Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who as always gave a very outstanding rendition on Templary, which he has done for many years.

These meetings were very well attended and did much to aid in getting more candidates. I feel that more of the Bodies throughout the jurisdiction should avail themselves of this opportunity to promote York Rite Masonry. I fully believe that the Grand Commandery Officers should do more to encourage and promote York Rite Nights.

INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

This year I asked Eminent Sir Thomas C. Brown to organize a Marking team that we might have a more uniform system of marking. His co-operation was outstanding, he spent many hours in developing this set-up. He also spent a great deal of time with the Commanderies helping them to perfect the work of Inspections, and at each Commandery where he was asked to assist a very noticeable improvement in the work was seen.

EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM

My many thanks to the Sir Knights who took part on this team. They gave freely of their time and traveled many miles without any compensation. These Exemplifications did much to improve the work, and all, who attended were well rewarded as many questions were answered for them. I only wish that more line Officers would attend and feel that in some way it should be made compulsory.

JOINT CONCLAVES

Joint Conclaves were again held in several of our Commanderies, these were very successful. At each of these the Full Form Order of the Red Cross and Malta were exemplified, these conclaves were largely attended in most

cases. I believe this is getting more and more popular, there is much more enthusiasm among the Commanderies to have these. I very much approve of this, as I feel the Candidate gets a better impression of the organization and I feel that the first impression is always a lasting one.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE BODIES

It is wonderful to see the splendid co-operation that exists between the York Rite and the Scottish Rite Bodies. It has been my personal privilege to attend all of the Bodies this year. I was very well received and always made to feel right at home. At the Anniversary Class of the Consistory, held in Symphony Hall, I was very happy to be present, and was very pleased when the Commander in Chief, after introducing me, told the class that if they were not Knights Templar that he would suggest that after completing Scottish Rite that they should go York Rite. This Sir Knights is real brotherly love and true Masonic spirit. Let us not forget that there is room for both Rites in this house of ours; let us always work together and help each other to build more and more Candidates for each other.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

I proudly acknowledge honorary memberships in St. John's Commandery No. 1, Newburyport Commandery No. 3, Holy Sepulchre No. 8, Haverhill Commandery No. 14, Connecticut Valley No. 23, Bristol Commandery No. 29, Athol Commandery No. 37, Orange Commandery No. 45, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46, St. Andrew Commandery No. 45, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46, St. Andrew Commandery No. 49, and Reading Commandery No. 50. I appreciate these honors and will do my utmost to be worthy of them.

ORDER OF MERIT

The "Order of Merit" is presented to a Sir Knight who through the years has contributed much to Templary. I am proud to say that we have a Sir Knight who for 18 years has served on our Jurisprudence Committee, both as a member and also Chairman for several years. He has given much of his time and has always been ready to help. He is retiring this year and it gives me great pleasure to present this Order of Merit to Em. Sir Louis L. Green.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I strongly recommend that we give more thought to seeing that the Candidate gets more for his money by Commanderies getting together. I mean by this; that they should plan to work the Full Form Orders of the Red

Cross and Malta in different geographic sections of the jurisdiction, and each Commandery in this particular area take their Candidate and work them all together. This would give a larger class and help to make it possible to have more Sir Knights on the side lines, then at a later date each Commandery Knight their own Candidate in their own Commanderies. I cannot help but feel that the first impression is the lasting one, and I am sure that every Candidate and every Sir Knight wants to see a full side line and a large class going through together.

I recommend to, that we pay a little more attention to our Ladies' and attend and encourage more of their affairs, attend when invited, such Orders as: The Order of The Beauseant, for these Ladies if asked will and are ready at anytime to assist us in our dinners, collations, and last but not least, the money that they make is contributed to our Eye Foundation. Let us not forget, through their enthusiasm we can and will get more Candidates to join our Orders.

TRIENNIAL

This year as you know, the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 12-17, 1961. On Saturday night a Parade was held and it was one of the largest showings of Knights Templar that I have seen in a long time. I am proud to say that this Grand Commandery was well represented. Being the number one Grand Commandery, we of course took the first position in the line. We marched through several of the Main Streets and ended up at the Municipal Stadium. We passed by the receiving stand where the Grand Master and suite reviewed the Parade. Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was again one of the Marshals and headed up our Divisions.

We being the oldest Grand Commandery in Grand Encampment I felt that we should take a more active part in the Triennial, also that we should do something to show our own Sir Knights and their Ladies that we appreciated their interest in attending this Triennial. On Monday morning at the Muncipal Auditorium, we were very fortunate in being able to have our Grand Commandery represented in the competitive drill by Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. These Sir Knights only had a few weeks to practice and I am very proud of the outstanding work that they did. They did not win, but I am sure that anyone who saw them, considered it an outstanding piece of work, nor do I feel that they lost, for they have already started practicing for the Triennial in 1964 in Philadelphia. I am sure that with all the enthusiasm that they have, that they will come in with the top winners in 1964. The results of their fine work has encouraged other Commanderies in

Massachusetts and Rhode Island to become interested. Two or three Commanderies have stated that they plan to enter a team in 1964.

We also maintained a hospitality suite and made it known to all the Sir Knights and their Ladies that it was not just for Grand Commandery, but for all the Sir Knights, their Ladies and friends. On the morning of the 17th we had a Massachusetts and Rhode Island breakfast for all of our Sir Knights and Ladies. Most everyone attended. It was a very pleasant ending to one of the most interesting and active Triennials that I have ever attended. I believe if we are going to get the most out of Templary that more people should attend, for much time and money is spent by Grand Encampment to make it pleasant and interesting for everyone.

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE STATED CONCLAVE OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the Specific powers granted to the Grand Commander by ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same or Special Conclaves after such notice as he may deem proper, I granted 146 Dispensations to RECEIVE AND BALLOT during 1960-1961, upon petitions at the same and Special Conclaves as follows:

Number of Petitions		
1	September 6, 1960	St. John's Commandery No. 1
2	September 8, 1960	Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18
3	September 20, 1960	Boston Commandery No. 2
3	September 27, 1960	Springfield Commandery No. 6
4	October 19, 1960	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	October 24, 1960	De Molay Commandery No. 7
3	November 14, 1960	Calvary Commandery No. 13
2	November 16, 1960	Boston Commandery No. 2
11	November 25, 1960	Pilgrim Commandery No. 9
6	December 27, 1960	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	January 17, 1961	Beauseant Commandery No. 41
5	January 18, 1961	Boston Commandery No. 2
3	January 23, 1961	De Molay Commandery No. 7
2	February 2, 1961	St. John's Commandery No. 1
5	February 9, 1961	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	February 20, 1961	Springfield Commandery No. 6
2	February 20, 1961	De Molay Commandery No. 7
2	March 9, 1961	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	March 13, 1961	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51
1	April 4, 1961	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
2	April 7, 1961	Natick Commandery No. 33
1	April 10, 1961	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
3	April 10, 1961	Temple Commandery No. 48
2	April 14, 1961	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46

6	April 18, 1961	Pilgrim Commandery No. 9
1	April 24, 1961	Cambridge Commandery No. 42
2	April 24, 1961	Milford Commandery No. 11
11	April 25, 1961	Boston Commandery No. 2
4	April 26, 1961	Worcester County Commandery No. 5
8	April 26, 1961	Haverhill Commandery No. 14
2	April 27, 1961	De Molay Commandery No. 7
5	April 27, 1961	Northampton Commandery No. 31
4	May 1, 1961	Natick Commandery No. 33
1	May 8, 1961	Washington Commandery No. 4
2	May 15, 1961	Woonsocket Commandery No. 24
2	May 15, 1961	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
1	May 17, 1961	De Molay Commandery No. 7
5	May 19, 1961	Boston Commandery No. 2
3	May 19, 1961	Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51
1	May 29, 1961	Sutton Commandery No. 16
1	May 31, 1961	St. John's Commandery No. 1
8	June 1, 1961	Reading Commandery No. 50
2	June 7, 1961	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
2	June 8, 1961	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
2	June 12, 1961	Natick Commandery No. 33 K. T.
1	June 13, 1961	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20
1	June 15, 1961	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
1	September 5, 1961	St. John's Commandery No. 1
2	September 5, 1961	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
1	September 14, 1961	Quincy Commandery No. 47

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

September 7, 1960—Calvary Commandery No. 13 K. T., Providence, R. I., to hold a Special Election for the offices of Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

September 14, 1960—Cambridge Commandery No. 42 K. T., Cambridge, to hold a Special Election for the office of Generalissimo.

September 19, 1960—Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K. T., Gloucester, to install their officers at a Special Conclave on September 26th—the Regular Conclave was postponed due to the hurricane, "Donna."

September 22, 1960—Reading Commandery No. 50 K. T., Reading, to appear in public and put on the Inspection and Review in Liberty Lodge A. F. & A. M.

January 26, 1961—Beauseant Commandery No. 41 K. T., Malden, to put on the Inspection and Review at the semi-public Installation on Saturday, January 28th.

March 13, 1961—Orange Commandery No. 45 K. T., Orange, to work the Fellowship Degree in Orange Lodge A. F. & A. M. on March 20, 1961.

March 29, 1961—Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K. T., Worcester, to hold a Special Election for the Office of Trustee of the Permanent Fund.

April 10, 1961—Presiding Councils Club to appear in Public for the Assembly of Knights Templars and the Grand Commander's Ball to be held in Statler-Hilton on Saturday, April 15th.

April 25, 1961—Beauseant Commandery No. 41 to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine and attend the Church Service in connection with the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine, April 30th.

May 22, 1961—Cambridge Commandery No. 42 K. T., Cambridge, to hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy on the Cambridge Masonic Hall Association.

August 28, 1961—Berkshire Commandery No. 28 K. T., Pittsfield, to participate in a Bi-Centennial Parade on September 4 providing at least 50 Uniformed Sir Knights are in line.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

December 5, 1960—Iowa, Sir Knight Charles Tucker as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Iowa.

December 16, 1960—Virginia, Sir Knight H. LeRoy Wright as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Virginia.

January 16, 1961—Montana, Sir Knight Edwin D. Coolidge as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Montana.

March 9, 1961—Pennsylvania, Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Pennsylvania.

August 25, 1961—New York, Sir Knight John J. Turnbull as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery K. T. of New York.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

November 16, 1960—Texas, Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

November 21, 1960—Maine, Sir Knight Raymond D. Douglass as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Maine near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

November 25, 1960—Oklahoma, Sir Knight W. Wallace Kirkpatrick as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

November 25, 1960—New Mexico, Sir Knight Charles D. Harrington as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Mexico near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

December 5, 1960—North Carolina, Sir Knight William F. West as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

December 8, 1960—New Hampshire, Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

December 9, 1960—Arizona, Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Arizona near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

January 16, 1961—Montana, Sir Knight George C. Patton, Jr., as the Grand Representative of Montana near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

June 26, 1961—Pennsylvania, Sir Knight Thomas C. Brown as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania near the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

PERMISSION TO INVADE RECEIVED

January 30, 1961—Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 K. T., Lowell, Mass., received permission to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine for the purpose of assisting in the knighting of the son of Em. Sir Ralph P. Coates, a Past Commander of Pilgrim Commandery.

April 28, 1961—Reading Commandery No. 50 K. T., Reading, Mass., received permission to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire for the purpose of visiting St. George Commandery of Nashua, New Hampshire.

April 28, 1961—Beauseant Commandery No. 41 K. T., Malden, Mass., to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine for the purpose of appearing in public at the Church Service in Portland.

PERMISSION TO INVADE GRANTED

May 24, 1961—Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19 K. T., Easton, Pennsylvania to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the purpose of attending the "All Masonic Night" at Boston Garden on June 3, 1961.

COURTESY RECEIVED

March 6, 1961—Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30 K. T., Erie, Pennsylvania conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion Cecil Kenneth Groves as a courtesy to Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T., Norwood, Massachusetts.

June 23, 1961—Oriental Commandery No. 62 K. T., Indianapolis, Indiana conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion Lt. Wendall Peter Foley as a courtesy to Natick Commandery No. 33 K. T., Natick, Mass.

COURTESY GRANTED

June 22, 1961—Boston Commandery No. 2 K. T., Boston, Mass., conferred the Order of the Temple on Companion Rev. Norman Alton Levinson as a courtesy to St. Almo Commandery No. 18 of Maine.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1960-1961, thirty Commanderies, presented 304 THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS to "40-year Veterans."

St. John's Commandery No. 1	25
Boston Commandery No. 2	5
Newburyport Commandery No. 3	3
Washington Commandery No. 4	1
De Molay Commandery No. 7	2
Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8	16
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9	20
Palestine Commandery No. 10	2
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12	1
Calvary Commandery No. 13	58
Haverhill Commandery No. 14	2
Sutton Commandery No. 16	10
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	7
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	12
Berkshire Commandery No. 22	10
Connecticut Valley No. 23	7
Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26	8
Northampton Commandery No. 30	3
Trinity Commandery No. 32	8
Natick Commandery No. 33	4
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34	24
Olivet Commandery No. 36	5
Athol Commandery No. 37	3
Bay State Commandery No. 38	5
Beauseant Commandery No. 41	21

Orange Commandery No. 45	2
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46	11
Quincy Commandery No. 47	8
St. Andrew Commandery No. 49	8
Reading Commandery No. 50	13
Total	304

FIFTY YEAR BARS

During 1960-1961—Twelve Commanderies presented 24 "FIFTY YEAR BARS."

De Molay Commandery No. 7	1
Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8	2
Calvary Commandery No. 13	10
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	2
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	1
Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26	1
Trinity Commandery No. 32	1
Natick Commandery No. 33	1
Beauseant Commandery No. 41	1
St. Andrew Commandery No. 49	2
Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52	2
Total	24

APPRECIATION

I am indeed grateful to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Laurence E. Eaton, the presiding heads of the York Rite Bodies, the Scottish Rite Bodies, and to the Shrine, also to all of the York and Scottish Rite Bodies in Rhode Island and the Shrine of Rhode Island for the many courtesies shown me. To Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., for his many favors and the many hours that he has given to this Grand Commandery.

To the Grand line Officers for their cooperation in performing the duties of their office and in assisting the Commanderies in their Divisions. To Eminent Sir Leroy Jones, Director of Progress and Publicity, who spent many hours in planning and who was always available to attend the several meetings which we held on Membership, also Em. Sir James C. Bayley for his assistance in preparing statistics for all our Commanderies. To Eminent Sir Jack Richard Baker, who worked so long and hard with the seven Commanderies in Rhode Island to help me in straightening out the uneasy feeling that existed in Rhode Island; also the Presiding Council Club and the Past Commander's Association for their loyal support and assistance in Promoting our social events.

Last but not least; to our Grand Recorder, Rt. Eminent Sir George A. Weeks, who was always ready and willing to assist me. He was on duty practically twenty-four hours a day to help. I asure you all, that with his great knowledge of Templary and the operation of Grand Commandery

Office he made my duties much more pleasant and easier. This has been a busy year and has had many problems. Together we have spent many hours straightening them out. We have not always thought alike, but after careful consideration, we have always come up with the same answer. In my opinion he is a walking dictionary on Templary and Templar Law.

To Miss Dorothy M. Fowler of Grand Commandery office for the fine assistance she has given me in answering my many questions and for handling the various details.

CONCLUSION

And now Sir Knights, I come to the end of a long road and will soon join the ranks of the Past Grands.

This has been as you know a very active year, it has had it's problems. I have tried my best to handle them both fairly and in a business way at all times.

I regret that we were not able to make a gain in membership, I assure you that it was not for the want of trying, however, I do feel that my successor will have a real successful year candidate wise, because of the activities and ground work that we all did this year.

It has been an honor and a pleasure that I will never forget to have served as your Grand Commander, and I thank you all for your confidence and cooperation.

To the incoming Grand Commander, I wish for him the same wonderful cooperation that you gave to me, and I promise my whole hearted cooperation at all times.

Courteously submitted,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
Grand Commander.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R. E. Grand Commander, may I address a motion to the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: You may, Sir.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I move you, Sir, that the Report of the Grand Commander be accepted, his recommendations adopted, and printed in the Proceedings.

V. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS: Sir Knights, you have heard the recommendation. Do I hear it seconded? (Motion seconded). All those in favor signify by the usual sign. All those opposed by the same sign. (Motion carried).

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, I think at this time we will dispense with the reports while we hear from the Grand Master. The Grand Master has to leave us early today and wishes to be dismissed in a short period of time and we would be remiss in our thinking if we did not hear a

message from him. The M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

M. W. LAURENCE E. EATON R. E. Grand Commander, M. W. Bro. Allen of Rhode Island, R. E. Bro. Brucker, members of the Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights. It is my great pleasure to come here today and bring you the greetings of the Masons of Massachusetts. I told your Commander that I would like to stay all day but I had to be out by quarter of twelve. So settle down, you have quite a long time to wait.

It was very pleasing to be received by that Escort which looked very familiar to me, being all members of my Commandery.

Brethren, there can be little doubt that Masonic ideals inspired the founders of our nation or that Masons had an influence on our history out of all proportion to their numbers, as evidenced by the number of Masons among those who drew up the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Today in these uneasy times why should our Order not wield a great force to perpetuate this Republic? The Lodge Room is definitely not the place for religious or political discussions which might mar the harmony that the members are enjoined to maintain but there can be no objection to their taking part in public affairs as citizens desirous of applying their Masonic ideals to public problems.

As Masons we must never forget that whenever dictatorships, political or religious, have taken power the Masonic system has been driven underground and its leaders killed or imprisoned. The Commandery is well aware of this when I refer to the Grand Master of the early Templars, DeMolay, who was burned at the stake in 1314, and later the barring of our Order by Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Franco, and in the present time, though he hasn't exactly barred it, the big Masonic Temple in Havana is used as a barracks. Let us, therefore, as individual citizens do our utmost in applying our Masonic teachings to our daily lives and activities thus promoting our own welfare as well as that of our nation or adopted land, as the case may be.

One hundred years ago when the future of our nation looked black indeed a communication to our Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee cautioned Masons to act as Brethren in the conflict that seemed imminent and it ended, as I shall, with the following petition, that God in His Infinite Mercy may yet incline the hearts of his people to ways of peace and paths of pleasantness and that He may dissipate and disperse the storm clouds of destruction that seem to hang so fearfully above us. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Most Worshipful and Eminent Sir.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, we are honored this morning by having with us R. E. Sir Wilber M. Brucker, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the personal representative of the Sir Knight Paul M. Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Right Eminent Sir Brucker will be with us through lunch, but he must take a plane back to Detroit around three o'clock this afternoon, and I think this would be an opportune time for him to speak to us as I know that he has a message that will be interesting to all of the Sir Knights.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR WILBER M. BRUCKER: Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts and also of Rhode Island and the Plantations of Providence, Right Eminent Department Commander Robb, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery. I bring you the greetings of the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore. It is a privilege beyond expression to be your guest today and have the opportunity to talk to you about your Grand Encampment and about Templary. We come here to Massachusetts and Rhode Island fully appreciative that here is where Templary began in the United States; also, with full appreciation that in this great historic city of Boston our country was cradled. So, I have the highest respect for you and your people who are the successors of these great men who carved out our nation.

I am mindful at the outset of the things that are going on today in the world—the free world's fight against communism, tyranny and dictatorship. To anyone who believes we can ignore the effect of this upon our own lives and that we will live through this period without being affected, let me say that I come with a strong personal feeling because I have seen communism operate. I have spent five and a half years at the head of your Army.

Our forefathers who founded this nation, who are here in spirit today, and who must be hovering over the conclave of this Grand Commandery, would certainly want us to open our eyes to the fact this is no small struggle. This is so vital that the civilization that prevails is going to live for a thousand years, and if it is the wrong one, the right civilization may be blotted out for all time. That is how serious this fight is. If our forefathers were to say a word, it would be in warning: "Be careful, America, don't take anything for granted; you have been assuming a whole lot." So, I come to say to you that we had better wake up and see the relation between Masonry, Christianity, high ideals and moral pur-

poses, and the continuance of this thing we call the Free World.

Now you probably say, what has that got to do with this Grand Conclave today? I hope to relate it. I have seen these refugees come across the line from East Berlin to West Berlin. I have been present when little family groups first tasted freedom and were in "shock" from having gained their freedom, finally realizing that nobody was going to take them back. I have seen their reaction—tears running down their cheeks and shaking with emotion; with their children crying, not knowing what their parents were experiencing. I have talked with them through interpreters and I know their feeling. If you ever lose your freedom, you will then begin to appreciate some of the things that this great beloved America does for us and for the world. Forget not that today we hold that torch, and without any aspersions toward our Allied friends, I wonder how long they would stand if it weren't for the help that comes from the people of the United States who willingly and dependably are in this fight to see it through.

So, Sir Knights, we meet under no small circumstance today. Before another year has ticked off, and you have come for the next Annual Conclave, a lot of things will have happened to decide the kind of civilization that we will have.

When Masonry crosses the threshold of the Commandery, it becomes Christian. We are dedicated to unsheathe our sword in defense of the Christian religion and the Christian virtues. This is no small dedication.

I have seen thousands of men in the Army raise their hand en masse and take the oath of allegiance and that moment change over from civilian status to a status that might mean their lives. I shall never forget Fort Campbell, Kentucky, when the 101st Airborne was reconstituted. It had been a very outstanding outfit in World War II. General Maxwell Taylor, Chief of Staff, had been its leader. At the end of World War II with the tremendous casualties and the rest it was thought best by the War Department to put its battle flags away and dissolve the Division. Then came the day when the Russians erected the Iron Curtain. Little by little, we tried every bit of peaceful effort to make friends and they mistook it for weakness. Then one day, we decided to reconstitute the 101st Airborne, because we knew that if we got those battle flags back in the hands of Americans who appreciated what they meant, it would inspire morale. The great day came, and there they were—about 10,000 men of the new Division—all lined up for a half mile, with General Taylor and myself on the reviewing stand. Facing the new Division in front of the reviewing stand were General McAuliffe—the officer who gave the

reply to the Germans "NUTS" when asked to surrender—and alongside him were about forty of the old officers, each holding a battle flag of the old outfit.

When the ceremony started, the Chaplain advanced to a place midway between General McAuliff's group and the new Division and said, "Let us pray." The command went down the line and every man in battle gear for a half mile got down on his right knee in prayer. Then the signal was given, the ruffle of the drums, and across the parade ground went those beloved colors. Tenderly each one was handed to his opposite number. The banners were lifted; the proclamation was made; the proud 101st Airborne passed in review and it became an officially reconstituted Division.

In this day and age, when things are moving so fast in the civilian life, expressways, jet planes and everything else, and when events upon the foreign field are moving so fast, Masonry needs to be reconstituted and rededicated to its vital tasks.

Sir Knights, this matter of Templary is not a mere matter of taking an hour or so off and putting on the uniform and saying, "Well, I did it for another year." It is not as simple as an officer moving-up-in-the-chairs from Warder to Commander. The time has come for every Mason and every Templar to become aroused to the problems of the world in which we live. Unless we stand up as stalwart citizens—and communicate our views about the moral principles of life—out among the people wherever they are, in parades, in the churches and elsewhere, Masonry is apt to go the way of all flesh. Unless we work harder, Masonry will be spurned by those who will say: "You were too busy to do what George Washington and Paul Revere and these other men did in the days when it counted." We must not be too busy to take our part to improve and strengthen this great cause of Templar Masonry.

Sir Knights, I have come to remind you that we must work at the job of Templary harder than we ever did before.

I am going to ask you to reconsider your Masonic duty. What is that duty? Well, I conceive that duty today is to literally "come alive" in every Commandery and every Blue Lodge to make the public mindful of the contribution of Masonry. Let me say why we should be particularly proud of Templary. If we were merchandising, I would say that our product is the best in the world, because we represent the Christian cause. Sometimes, we get down to petty things and we forget the big horizon. Let's always see Templary with its bigness. Don't let the little petty things distract us to the point where there is disunity. Symbolically, we are the Crusaders. We are expected to be Crusaders in the Community for Church and home and decency and

morality. When you stand fearlessly for these principles and institutions, and wear upon your tunic the Cross of Christ, you are bound to succeed.

Is it hard to sell Templary upon this basis? Shame on us if we say it is too hard! If we were really inspired, do you think for a moment we would say that it is too hard? A century and three-quarters ago, men in Boston said it was hard to defend their freedom, but that didn't stop them. If you really want to gain 58 or 158 members next year, nothing will stop you. The woods are full of good Blue Lodge Masons who would be interested if they were asked to come into this Order.

What are some of our charitable achievements? The Knights Templar Scholarship Foundation, since 1922 has loaned over $13.5 million to over fifty thousand young men and women who might never have had a college education if it hadn't been for the Knights Templar. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, founded in 1955, has helped to save the sight of over 3,850 people from blindness. Tell me not that the charitable causes of the Knights Templar are not worthy of telling people who say, "What are you doing today?" Also, we are contributing day by day, through the avenues of good citizenship, the way in which we work throughout all the constituent Commanderies and the individual Churches.

Sir Knights, we have come to the crossroads. We might just as well face it. Losses should not be talked about as losses. Demits, suspensions and things of that kind, are negative. You will hear none of that from me but you will hear from me the kind of a positive program that says we have just begun to fight to strengthen Templary!

Sir Knights, I am not going to dwell at all on individual things but I want to say a word about drill teams. We ought to encourage drill teams in constituent Commanderies. If they have the desire to be a drill team they can stay together as a nucleus if there are only 12 in the drill team,—and what a help to a Commander is a drill team!

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I am not going to talk any more about membership because membership cannot be talked of in isolation. It relates to everything else and is the product of Templar activities.

On behalf of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, I salute you and wish you well in the future.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Sir, for those remarks. I knew you would have an inspiring message and I know that everyone was very thrilled with it.

NOTE: During the Conclave the following guests were introduced, and each spoke briefly bringing the Greetings of their respective Bodies:

Illustrious Emil U. Dillenback, 33°, Deputy of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

R. E. Sir Guy Irving Robb, Department Commander, Northeastern Division of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U. S. A.

Most Illustrious James C. Bayley, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Most Excellent Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Illustrious George B. Rowell, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

R. E. Sir George W. Grant, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Jersey, who spoke for the presiding and Past Grand Commanders who were the guests of this Grand Commandery.

R. E. Sir Grand Commander: Now Eminent Sir George B. Rowell will you present your Report on the matter of DUE CARDS for Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T.

REPORT BY GEORGE B. ROWELL, JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 9, 1961
Re: Temple Commandery

The duties of the Grand Recorder are set forth in Article VIII, Section 6. One of the duties is as follows:

> "He shall, under seal of Grand Commandery, attest all papers requiring the same." (Constitution)

Under Article IV, Identification Card, the following is of importance:

Section 3, Paragraph 3

> "It shall bear upon the reverse side thereof, a certification by the Grand Recorder that the said Commander is a legally constituted Commandery under this jurisdiction, together with a facsimile of the Seal of the Grand Commandery."

Section 4 provides that "Said Card shall be furnished by the Grand Commandery and shall be delivered to the Recorder of each Constituent Commandery by the Grand Recorder."

Section 13 provides for the form of the card and the reverse side is as follows:

"The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

This is to certify that the Commandery named herein is a legally constituted Commandery under the jurisdiction of the

Grand Commander of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Grand Recorder."

(Regulations)

It seems perfectly clear that it is the duty of the Grand Commandery to furnish the identification cards properly printed and that it is the duty of the Grand Recorder to provide for the execution of the certificate on the reverse side of the card. There is no provision in the by-laws or in the articles which provide that these cards shall be furnished free of charge. It therefore follows that a reasonable charge by the Grand Commandery can and should be made under the general provisions concerning powers of the Grand Commandery.

Under Article V (b), "It may adopt such Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations as are not inconsistent with the Laws of the Grand Encampment and as it may deem necessary for the good of the Order." (Constitution)

Under Article V (d), "It may prescribe Regulations for the government of its Constituent Commanderies and may revoke any Charter." (Constitution)

It is of interest to note that the annual amount charged by the Grand Commandery for these cards fully printed, both on the front and reverse sides, is less than $9.

In examining the correspondence in connection with this matter, it would seem that from time to time the Commander of Temple Commandery and the Recorder of said Commandery have made a great many statements which are inaccurate and some of them are in essence libelous.

While the Committee has been informed of the intention of Temple Commandery to propose certain amendments to the Regulations in connection with Section 3, Section 4 and the last paragraph of Section 13, these have not been furnished in writing to the Committee and consequently we are unable at this time to pass on whether or not they are in conformity with the Grand Constitution.

GEORGE B. ROWELL, Acting Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee

A lengthy discussion followed on the Report made by Em. Sir George B. Rowell, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Commandery, during which discussion, a legal technicallity arose as to "whether this was a violation of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery or was it covered by the Regulations of this Grand Commandery?" The question was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Commandery for consideration and the report of their findings to be made later in the day.

(A full report of the above discussion is on file in the Grand Commandery Office).

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Right Eminent Grand Commander the Jurisprudence Committee made a Report and moved that the Report be accepted. The Report, which you heard read, enlightened, I hope, most of the members of this Grand Commandery as to what the existing Masonic Law is and that is all that it did. It called to your attention what the existing law is. So the only motion before this Conclave is to accept the Report of the Committee. The motion was duly seconded and the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee accepted and be printed in the Proceedings.

EM. SIR GEORGE M. ELLIS: I now move the Amendment by Temple Commandery No. 48.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R. E. Grand Commander, an amendment can be submitted at one Annual Grand Conclave and must be printed and presented on the notice of the next Annual Conclave.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Do we vote to accept it?

E. SIR GEORGE M. ELLIS: R. E. Grand Commander, rather than speak from my mind I will read the book. Article V, Amendments, Section 1: These Regulations may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Conclave of Grand Commandery. I, therefore, insist that my amendments are in proper order and can be acted on today.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: The Jurisprudence Committee should rule on that.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Is the Chairman of the Committee here? Is there any member of the Committee here?

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Yes, I will look it up in the index.

E. SIR GEORGE M. ELLIS: Page 54, Bob. I think the Grand Recorder is talking of the Constitution. I am talking of the Regulations.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Article XXIII, Section 1, is, Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Conclave, notice of such alteration or amendment having been presented in writing at a present Conclave and printed in the call of the Conclave at which action is to be taken, amendments as proposed, but modifications must be distinctly germane on the subject.

It is, of course, the current provision of our law that any amendments must be presented in writing and acted upon at the next ensuing Conclave.

E. SIR GEORGE M. ELLIS: R. E., he is talking about the Constitution too. I am talking about the Regulations, Article V, Page 54, and if the R. E. will read that I think

he will find I am right. These amendments have reference to the Regulation not the Constitution.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Regulations may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

E. SIR GEORGE M. ELLIS: R. E., if you will read the amendments or the headings of the amendments you will see it says nothing about the Constitution.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R. E. Sir Wilson, do you wish to take a stand on this? Is it an amendment to the Constitution or just an amendment to the Regulations?

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: I think in all fairness to both sides that this should be postponed until this afternoon until we determine, and I haven't even seen his amendment, to determine what we are talking about,—whether it is an amendment to the Constitution or Regulations. I would hate to see any amendment of any law, whether to the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Commandery, pushed through without notice to those who may not be present.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Sir, Sir Knight, I would move that this be put over to this afternoon's meeting. Will somebody make that motion?

E. SIR FRANKLAND W. L. MILES: I move. (Motion seconded).

THE GRAND COMMANDER: To put over to this afternoon to determine then. All in favor signify by the sword arm. All right. It is put over until we adjourn for lunch.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knight:

Total Membership as of June 30, 1960			15,059
Gains			
Knighted	594		
Affiliated	25		
Re-instated	13		
		632	
Losses			
Dimitted	129		
Suspended	116		
Errors	12		
Deaths	433	690	
Net Loss		58	58
Total Membership as June 30, 1961			15,001

Massachusetts	12,877 loss 30
Rhode Island	2,124 loss 28
Net Loss	58

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

EXHIBIT A

GRAND RECORDER'S CASH SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1961

Arrears Collected	$ 2,225.00
Per Capita Dues	16,743.60
Candidates' Fees	2,825.00
Thomas Smith Webb—Medals	929.50
Diplomas and Engraving	714.00
Tactics	992.00
Official Orders	194.00
Eye Foundation	14,424.00
Dues Cards	876.05
Funeral Rituals	1.50
Lost Rituals	30.00
Grand Encampment Constitution	14.00
Master of Ceremony Books	3.00
Grand Encampment Drill Manuals	2.50
50 Year Bars	23.10
Annual Conclave	3,116.55
Refund from Grand Fund	1,227.14
Refund Printing and Postage	225.00
Educational Fund Loan Repaid	5,000.00
Plates	8.85
Miscellaneous and Contingent	14.50
Past Grand Warden's Jewel	62.00
Bond and Insurance Refund	4.70
Flowers reimbursement	15.00
Telephone reimbursement	31.52
Triennial Account	7,406.50
Donation—Triennial	2,500.00
Postage	.52
Interest—Savings Bank	18.76
Exchange—Grand Fund	64.00
Total Receipts for the year	$59,692.29

EXHIBIT B

GRAND TREASURER'S CASH SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1961

September 1, 1960, Balance on hand	$15,203.07
Received from Grand Recorder	59,692.29
Total	$74,895.36

Expenditures

Per Capita Tax		$ 2,334.15	
Eye Foundation		14,421.00	
Conclaves		5,311.82	
Trienniel		8,503.76	
Annual Proceedings		1,090.90	
Group Meetings		248.75	
Promotional		148.93	
Public Relations		306.52	
Inspections		739.90	
Exemplifications		220.45	
Repayment Loan to Grand Fund		1,227.14	
Loan—Educational Foundation		5,000.00	
Exchange Grand Fund		64.00	
Salaries:			
Grand Recorder	$2,522.00		
Secretary	2,113.00		
Treasurer	500.00		
	$5,135.00		
Less S.S. and W.H. Taxes	576.07	4,558.93	
Social Security Taxes		305.82	
Withholding Taxes		438.85	
Unemployment Taxes		50.99	
Miscellaneous and Contingent		462.80	
Repairs Grand Commandery Jewel		41.00	
Refund Per Capita Tax		1.20	
Miscellaneous Income Refund		92.21	
Printing and Postage		1,394.13	
Rent		2,125.00	
Insurance and Bonding		288.79	
Audit		200.00	
Office Supplies		277.96	
Telephone		304.91	
Grand Commanders Fund		500.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals		732.80	
Grand Encampment Constitution		27.00	
Tactics		1,120.49	
Dues Cards		885.38	
Diplomas		457.48	
Total			$53,883.06
August 31, 1961, Balance			$21,012.30
Represented by:			
Checking Account—First National Bank of Boston			$20,512.30
Savings Account—South Weymouth Savings Bank Book No. 19542			500.00
Total			$21,012.30

EXHIBIT C

Comparative Income and Expense Statement

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1961

INCOME:			
Per Capita Tax	$17,745.78	$15,059.00	$ 2,686.78
Candidates' Fees	2,950.20	3,500.00	*549.80*
Other Income	1,453.28	500.00	953.28
Total Income	$22,149.26	$19,059.00	$ 3,090.26
EXPENSES:			
Grand Encampment Dues	$ 2,334.15	$ 2,335.00	
Conclaves 1961	2,563.10	2,500.00	
Proceedings	1,090.90	1,200.00	
Printing and Postage	1,215.05	1,400.00	
Rent	2,125.00	2,125.00	
Inspections	739.90	750.00	
Group Meetings	248.75	250.00	
Bonding and Insurance	284.09	300.00	
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,522.00	2,522.00	
Salary—Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00	
Salary—Secretary	2,113.00	2,113.00	
Exemplifications	220.45	300.00	
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00	500.00	
Public Relations and Publicity	306.52	350.00	
Promotional Activities	148.93	200.00	
F.I.C.A. and Unemployment Taxes	321.61	200.00	
Grand Commander's Jewel	41.00	65.00	
Triennial Conclave	.....	250.00	
Auditor	200.00	200.00	
Office Supplies	211.26	220.00	
Telephone	273.39	290.00	
Micellaneous and Contingent	325.78	400.00	
Total Expense	$18,284.88	$18,970.00	
Totals	$ 3,864.38	$ 89.00	$ 3,775.38

EXHIBIT D

Triennial Conclave Reserve Account

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1961

Balance—September 1, 1960 (As per last report)		$ 584.33
Add: Appropriation for Triennial		1,250.00
Interest on Savings Accounts		48.60
Total		$1,882.93
Deduct::		1,800.00
Balance—August 31, 1961		$ 82.93
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Boston Savings Bank Book No. 189482		$ 82.93

EXHIBIT E

Carrie E. Seitz Fund

August 31, 1961

Balance, September 1, 1960	$4,630.32	
Add: Interest on Savings Account	175.25	
Total Fund		$4,805.57

Deduct: Interest withdrawn for grants	175.00
Balance, August 31, 1961	$4,630.57
Represented by:	
Reposit in South Weymouth Savings Bank Book No. 22847	$4,630.57

EXHIBIT F

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1961

ASSETS

Cash—General Account:		
First National Bank of Boston	$20,512.30	
South Weymouth Savings Bank Book No. 19542	500.00	$21,012.30
Petty Cash		25.00
Accounts Receivable		1,197.66
Furniture and Fixtures		1,369.53
Past Grand Commandery Jewel		50.00
Inventories:		
Diplomas	82.66	
Tactics	670.00	
Printing, Supplies and Postage	479.68	
Grand Encampment Constitutions	18.00	
Grand Encampment Drill Manuals	6.00	
Fifty Year Bars	21.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	37.76	
Merit Badges	57.00	
Past Grand Commanders' Buttons	18.60	1,390.70
Total Assets		$25,045.19

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accrued Taxes:		
Withholding—Federal and State	$ 72.74	
Social Security	161.97	$ 234.71
Accrued Expenses		200.00
Triennial Account		1,402.74
Total Liabilities		$ 1,837.45
Net Worth—September 1, 1960	$19,343.36	
Add: Net Income (Exhibit C)	3,864.38	
Net Worth—August 31, 1961		23,207.74
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$25,045.19

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1961

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc.,

for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1961. The results of my examination is presented in the following exhibits:

Exhibit A—Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit B—Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
Exhibit C—Comparative Income and Expense Statement
Exhibit D—Triennial Conclave Reserve
Exhibit E—Carrie E. Seitz Fund
Exhibit F—General Fund Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1961

The actual income was $3,090.26 in excess of, and expenses were $658.12 below the budget for the year under examination. The actual net income of $3,864.38 has been added to the net worth.

My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such test of accounting records and auditing procedures as I concidered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the Exhibits submitted herewith present fairly the financial position of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., at August 31, 1961 and the results of transactions for the fiscal year then added, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

GARDNER B. WARDWELL
Certified Public Account

Melrose, Massachusetts
October 7, 1961

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Trustees of the GRAND FUND present herewith the Report of the FISCAL YEAR ending August 31, 1961, in the appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expense Statement for Fiscal Year ended August 31, 1961
Exhibit B—Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1961
Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks, and Savings Bank Deposits as of August 31, 1961

The accounts have been audited and the securities examined by Sir Kt. Gardner B. Wardwell, Certified Public Accountant.

Courteously submitted,

E. SIR HUBERT N. BERNARD, JR., Chairman
E. SIR ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

EXHIBIT A

GRAND FUND

Income and Expense Statement

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1961

INCOME:		
Interest on Bonds—Exhibit C	$ 396.50	
Dividends on Stocks—Exhibit C	4,890.54	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposit—Exhibit C	761.75	
Total Income		$6,048.79
EXPENSES:		
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	13.20	
Audit Fee	50.00	
Finance Committee Dinner	21.30	
Secretary's Telephone Expense	7.50	
Total Expenses		$ 92.00
Net Income for the year		$5,956.79

EXHIBIT B

GRAND FUND

Statement of Assets and Principal Account

As at August 31, 1961

ASSETS

Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks—Exhibit C.	$ 19,001.81	
Bonds at Book Value	12,500.00	
Stocks at Book Value	73,463.53	
Total Assets		$104,965.34

PRINCIPAL

Balance, September 1, 1960		$104,416.28	
Add: Grand Fund Net Income—Exhibit A		5,956.79	
Income from sale of	$ 15.90		
Income from sale of fraction of stock	1.37	17.27	
		110,390.34	
Deduct: Transfer to General Fund	$5,325.00		
Loss on Boston & Maine 1st Mtg. 4 % 1960	100.00	5,425.00	
Total Principal			$104,965.34

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Schedule of Bonds, Stocks, Savings Deposits and Income Therefrom August 31, 1961

Par	*Bonds*	*Book Value*	*Income*
$7,000	At'son, Top. & Santa Fe Ry. 4% 10/1/95	$ 7,000.00	$ 280.00
4,000	Boston & Maine R.R. "A" 4½% 1970	4,000.00	64.00
500	Boston & Maine R.R. 6% 8/1/61 thru 1965	500.00	17.50
1,000	Boston & Maine R.R. 6% 8/1/61 thru 1965	1,000.00	35.00
	Totals	$12,500.00	$ 396.50
	Per cent yield		3.17%
Shares	*Stocks*		
281	American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	$16,032.97	$ 913.74
70	American Tobacco Co.	2,144.59	227.50
144	Chase, Manhattan Bank	4,050.65	349.05
121	Chemical Bank and Trust Co.	3,500.00	308.55
135	First National Bank of Boston	3,878.94	480.36
128	First Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Co.	5,168.36	291.20
159	General Motors Corp.	4,847.19	318.00
131	Household Finance Co.	3,125.23	155.70
994	Massachusetts Investors Trust	5,868.00	413.84
100	National Shawmut Bank	5,200.00	255.00
100	Pacific Lighting Corp.	3,370.01	240.00
204	Peoples First National Bank & Trust Co.	4,550.00	310.08
100	Standard Oil of N. J.	3,891.48	225.00
100	Sterling Drug Co.	2,005.73	180.00
68	Union Oil of California	1,870.43	135.00
50	United Fruit Co.	2,875.09	25.00
25	F. W. Woolworth Co.	1,084.86	62.52
	Totals	$73,463.53	$4,890.54
	Per cent yield		6.66%
	Saving Bank Accounts		
Book No.	*Bank*		
289908	Charlestown Savings Bank	$ 2,300.00	$ 73.31
405308	Home Savings Bank	1,045.98	40.50
62890	Salem Savings Bank	1,000.00	37.50
44989	Weymouth Savings Bank	1,391.52	52.16
190689	Wildey Savings Bank	12,632.51	486.74
196439	Wildey Savings Bank	631.79	71.54
	Totals	$19,001.81	$ 761.75
	Per cent yield		4.00%
	Total per cent yield		5.76%

October 9, 1961

GRAND FUND

Auditor's Report and Certificate

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1961

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1961 and present the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expense Statement for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1961

Exhibit B—Statement of Assets and Principal Account as at August 31, 1961

Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks, Savings, Deposits and Income therefrom August 31, 1961

The various securities were examined at the safe deposit vault at the Boylston Street office of the National Shawmut Bank in presence of Clarence E. Booth, Grand Commander, and George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder. Savings bank books were examined by me. The foregoing securities and Savings Bank Accounts are in accordance with detail as shown in Exhibit C.

I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the appended Exhibits fairly present the transactions of the Trustees for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1961 and the status of the Grand Fund at said date.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER B. WARDWELL,
Certified Public Accountant

Upon motion duly made and seconded, The Report of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and the Auditor of the General Fund, Trustees of the Grand Fund, The Grand Treasurer's Report of the Grand Fund, and the Auditor's Report on the Grand Fund, be accepted and printed in the Proceedings. (Vote unanimously).

E. SIR WAYNE E. SOUCEY: R. E. Grand Commander, the Presiding Council Club having given us power to form a scholarship we would like to make a presentation this morning. We are equipped to give a one hundred dollar scholarship to this gentleman who has been picked by the Dean of Boston University Theological School. This scholarship is for a theological student. We are in the process of incorporating as a charitable institution and we don't think that we have any conflict with the Educational Foundation of Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment. If so, we will iron that out later. But at the same time we would like to have permission to grant this publicly in your year.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Then I call this Grand Commandery to recess while you make your presentation.

E. SIR WAYNE E. SOUCEY: R. E. Grand Commander, I have the privilege of presenting Frank Guliano, Jr., a student of Boston University, who was in class this morning and was called down here to receive this award. The award was sponsored by Frankland W. L. Miles and I would like to have him make the presentation.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Sir Miles.

E. SIR FRANKLAND W. L. MILES: Thank you, Grand Commander and Mr. President.

Some of us, in the Presiding Council, thought that perhaps we could do something that would be for the Christian virtues. We are told our Order is founded on Christian Virtues. We admire the Educational Foundation and hope everybody will continue giving to it but we thought it might be nice to do something to help put a human being in the pulpit where he would preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we learn of here and attempt to follow. So if we were to establish a separate entity, a separate corporation, where

all the members of the Knights Templar were invited to come in and join and donate to that, we then would take the proceeds each year and make an award, with the sufferance of Grand Commandery, for some boy or boys, young men, and we hope it will grow so that there will be many each year who will go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is a thrill I am sure, to anyone who has ever given anything to a fund, to see an athlete running around a field and feel you have an interest in him. How much more so to know you have an interest in a man teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We felt the best way was to incorporate and we did that with the papers being filed with the Department of Incorporation. Every Templar is invited to participate. We hope we won't be limited to a small scholarship each year but that this is just the beginning and you will be afire with it and see men like this young man go out and preach the Gospel because you made it possible.

I might say that we are giving this to theological students only. Why? My experience as a Protestant layman is that few men entering the ministry can afford to pay it back. All honor and power to a man going into that field. We ought to be tickled to death to contribute to help a fellow get up there to preach the Gospel today with our Faith being challenged on every hand and this is our opportunity.

This boy here is a son of a preacher of the Gospel. How proud his father must be that he is following! Frank Guliano is an American boy coming from Whitman where his father is a preacher. He is acting as pastor in Providence, Rhode Island. His wife, too, is a student in Boston University. The world is before him! I would like to think that this young man and others to come along will be preachers who will be powerful for our Church in the land.

On behalf of the Presiding Councils Club, I present you this scholarship award. God bless you as you enter the ministry.

MR. FRANK GULIANO: Thank you very much, Mr. Miles.

GRAND COMMANDER: Now we will have the Report of our Educational Foundation.

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Supplementing the Financial Report of the Educational Foundation Committee for the Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as prepared by our Auditor, Sir Knight Gardner B. Wardwell for the year ending December 31, 1960, copies of which have been filed with the Grand Re-

corder of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U.S.A. (and has been approved) and with the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, which report will be published in the 1961 Proceedings, we present additional information regarding the workings of your Committee.

America's greatest resource for the future is its youth and present day stresses demands an educated and responsible citizenry. Never before in our history has there been a greater premium placed upon education! We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights, all of whom have been most helpful in checking the ability, need and loyalty of the students applying for loans; your advise and recommendations have proven most beneficial.

No doubt it will be interesting for you to know that all Divisions of the Grand Encampment helped to further the educations of 2,098 students in 1960, with total loans amounting to $994,615.78 and that Massachusetts and Rhode Island was in sixth Place with 122 Loans amounting to $53,417.50 so far this year we have had 128 applications amounting to $55,712.00.

We continued to receive many fine letters from our students when they make their final payments, which we feel are evidence of real appreciation for the effort being made by our great Order—to provide this educational aid to worthy young people.

Time and space does not permit us to read or publish all the letters which we have received, but it is a known fact that many recipients of our Educational Loan Fund have become outstanding citizens in our great Nation today.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Secretary.

COMMITTEE

EM. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS, Chairman

EM. SIR ROBERT E. POWELL

R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

V. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS

EM. SIR S. KENNETH SKOLFIELD

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND DETAILED INFORMATION

DIVISION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

January 1, 1960 throught December 31, 1960. To be Filed before February 1, 1961

Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership @ $1.00 each) $218,889.00. Earned Income to December 31, 1960 $1,203.98.
Total Assets collected to December 31, 1960.....$243,764.13. Donations to December 31, 1960 .....$1,903.97.

OPERATIONS

1. Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1959, statement).....			$ 9,195.66
RECEIPTS			
2. Principal Repayment on Student Loans		$ 37,066.53	
3. Interest received on Student Loans	$ 5,040.64		
4. Income on Securities and Savings Accounts:	2,923.58		
(a) Received	.....		
(b) Deferred	.....	7,964.22	
5. Other Income:			
(a) Securities sold, exchanged or matured		.....	
(b) Recovery on Loans Charged-off (Report only Net Amount Received by Division from Grand Encampment)		.....	
(c) Transferred from Savings Accounts		15,000.00	
(d) Miscellaneous (specify)—Gd. Cdry Loan $10,000.00; Gift $1,000.00; Postage $79.00		11,079.00	
6. Total Receipts			71,109.75
7. Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6)			$ 80,305.41
DISBURSEMENTS			
8. Loans to Students (a) (Male 100) (Amount $43,732.50).....		$ 43,732.50	
(b) (Female 22) (Amount 9,685.00).....		9,685.00	
9. Scholarships (authorized by G. E. Committee from Current Receipts).....		.....	
10. Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account		.....	
11. Operating Costs (line 52) (same as Expenses of Administration)		6,689.50	

12.	Other Disbursements:		
	(a) Securities purchased (Describe fully on Pages 5 and 6)	.....	
	(b) Excess payment withholding tax	7.99	
	(c) Cost of Folders	225.00	
	(d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1959 Statement	400.03	
	(e) Miscellaneous (specify) Repayment Gr. Cdry Loan	10,000.00	
	Refund overpayment loans	31.49	
13.	Total Disbursements		$ 70,771.51
	ASSETS		
14.	Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1960 (line 7 minus 13)	$ 9,533.90	
15.	Funds Invested: Securities and Savings Accounts	65,892.53	
16.	Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only)	171,680.53	
17.	Bank Account for K. T. Scholarship Account (line 94)	.....	
18.	Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments	.....	
19.	Other Assets:		
	(a) Accrued Interest on Invested Funds (if not added to line 15)	.....	
	(b) Furniture and Fixtures	.....	
	(c) Miscellaneous (specify) Inventory-stationery	329.28	
20.	Total Assets		$247,436.24
	LIABILITIES		
21.	Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN, WITH THIS STATEMENT, to the Committee	$ 398.21	
22.	Other Liabilities (see page 7)	165.95	
23.	Total Liabilities (line 21 plus line 22)		564.16
	NET WORTH		
24.	Net Worth (line 20 minus line 23)		$246,872.08

NOTE: Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 57) are the principal sources of gain (line 83). Gain is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch expenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

Operating Costs

51.	Maximum available for Administration Expenses 1960 (90% of lines 3 and 4, page 1, see Section 17. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952)	$ 7,167.80
52.	Expenses of Administration (per detail, Page 3) (and same as Line 11)	6,689.50
53.	Balance	$ 478.30

CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

	ADDITIONS	*Assessments*	*Donations*	*Earned Income*
54.	Net Worth, December 31, 1959 (total equals line 24 of 1959 statement)	$243,764.13	$ 903.97	$ 455.12
55.	Conserved Earnings 1960 (5% of lines 3 and 4)			398.21
56.	Remaining 5% Earnings, 1960 Expense of G. E. Committee			398.21
57.	Unexpended Income (line 53 if black)			478.30
58.	Recovery on Loans charged-off (Net amount received) Same as Line 5, (b)			.....
59.	Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only)			22.82
60.	Profit on Sale of Securities			2.37
61.	Additional Assessments	.....		
62.	Donations		1,000.00	
63.	Miscellaneous (specify)	.....	.....	.....
64.	Gross Capital	$243,764.13	$ 1,903.97	$ 1,755.03
	DEDUCTIONS			
65.	Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by G. E. Committee (same as page 6, line 95)			$.....
66.	Loss by Compromise Adjustment (same as page 7, line 96)			.....
67.	Loss on Sale of Securities			.....
68.	Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures			6.53
69.	Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red) Decrease in inventory			30.80
70.	Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only)			21.39
71.	Scholarships (page 1, line 9) (deductible only from items 3 and 4,. Adjustment of F.I.C.A. Taxes			12.24
72.	Scholarships from Scholarship Account (list on page 3)			.....
73.	The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1960			398.21
74.	Miscellaneous (specify) Adjustment 1959 Collection Fees	.....	.....	81.88
75.	Total Deductions	.....	.....	551.05
76.	Capital Account, December 31, 1960 (line 64 minus line 75)	243,764.13	1,903.97	1,203.98
77.	Capital Account, December 31, 1959 (line 54)	243,764.13	903.97	455.12
78.	Increase or Decrease Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1960 (line 76 minus line 77)	.....	1,000.00	748.86

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

79.	Earnings for 1960 (lines 3 and 4, page 1)	$ 7,964.22
80.	Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63)	25.19
	Total	$ 7,989.41
81.	Operating Costs (Same as Line 11, Line 52 and Expenses of Administration)	$ 6,689.50
82.	Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74)	$ 551.05
	Total	7,240.55
83.	Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 78)	748.86

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION (Same as Line 11 and Line 52)

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals including Withholding for Income Taxes)		Telephone and Telegraph	152.31
Executive Officer	$2,040.50	Stationery, Supplies, Etc.	37.50
Treasurer	300.00	Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	
Secretary		Insurance	
Stenographer or Clerical	2,226.00	Premiums on Investments	
Attorney or Collection Fees	89.83	Interest	
Rent	675.00	Bank Charges and Credit Reports	319.15
Safe Deposit Box		Publicity	
P. O. Box Rent		Miscellaneous (Itemize)	
Fidelity Bonds	190.34	(Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on Statement, Page 1, Line 21)	
F.I.C.A. Taxes (Employer only)	143.32	Cooler and Water	45.99
Audit	300.00	Towels	10.00
Committee Meetings	67.31		
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees and Mileage		TOTAL EXPENSE	$6,689.50
Postage and Express	92.25	(Same as line 11, page 1 and line 52, page 2)	

INVESTED FUNDS (Describe fully)

Savings Accountss Bank	*Location*	*Interest Rate*	*Amount*
Charlestown Savings Bank	No. 285,533	3¾	$20,000.00
Home Savings Bank, Boston	No. 501,659	3¾	25,000.00
Salem Savings Bank, Salem	No. 65,125	3¾	2,000.00
South Boston Savings, South Boston, Massachusetts	No. 190,286	4	3,000.00
South Weymouth Savings Bank, South Weymouth	No. 26,550	3¾	10,814.00
Weymouth Savings Bank, Weymouth, Massachusetts	No. 45,345	3¾	5,078.53
		Total	$65,892.53

FIDELITY BONDS

(As provided by Section 10 of the Regulations & Standard Practice)

Officer Bonded	*Amount of Bond*	*Amount of Premium*	*Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation*	*Expiration Date*
Executive Secretary	$ 2,500.00	$190.34	Foundation	11-6-61
Asst. to Executive Secretary	2,500.00			
Treasurer	12,500.00			

3 year bond paid on an annual basis

AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? ....Yes.... or (by by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?.....

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1960.

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Secretary
A. KENNETH MARTIN,
Treasurer

February 17, 1961

Educational Committee
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
and the Appendant Orders of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, I have examined the books and records of the Educational Foundation for the year ended December 31, 1960 and present the result of my examination in the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A—Balance Sheet, December 31, 1960.
Exhibit B—Income and Expense Statement for the year ended December 31, 1960.
Exhibit C—Principal Account for the year ended December 31, 1960.
Exhibit D—Summary of Student Loans for the year ended December 31, 1960.

COMMENTS

CASH—Cash in the checking account was reconciled with bank statement of December 31, 1960. Savings bank books were examined. Deposits, warrants, and cancelled checks were verified.

PRINCIPAL—The changes in this account are in Exhibit C.

GENERAL—Depreciation on office equipment provided for the year wiped out the original cost of this asset. Accounting Expense and the liability to the Grand Encampment has been accrued as at the year end. The liability for Federal and State withholding taxes together with that for social security taxes have been provided for.

I HEREBY CERTIFY: That, in my opinion, the attached Exhibits fairly present the financial condition of the Educational Foundation Division as at December 31, 1960 and the result of operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,
GARDNER B. WARDWELL,
Certified Public Accountant

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Report of Educational Foundation Committee and the Report of the Auditor were accepted and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

October 10, 1961

GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery Knight Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Sir Knights:

We submit the following budget for this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the year 1961-1962:

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1961-1962

Grand Encampment Dues	$ 2,701.00
Conclaves 1962	2,500.00
Proceedings 1961	1,200.00
Printing & Postage	1,500.00
Rent	2,000.00
Inspections	750.00
Marking Officers Travel Expenses	250.00
Group Meetings	400.00
Bond and Insurance	300.00
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,522.00
Salary—Grand Treasurer	500.00
Salary—Clerk	2,269.00
Part Time Office Help	300.00
Exemplifications	300.00
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Public Relations	400.00
Promotional Activities	350.00
F.I.C.A. and Unemployment	225.00
Grand Commander's Jewel—Repair	65.00
Triennial Reserve	500.00
Auditor	200.00
Office Supplies	250.00
Telephone	300.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	500.00
Total	$20,782.00

ESTIMATED INCOME:		
Per Capita Tax—15,001 members at $1.20	$18,001.20	
Candidates Fees—650 at $5.00	3,250.00	
Other Income	500.00	
Total	$21,751.20	

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD A. BUDREAU, Chairman
EDWARD NORRIS
KENNETH H. EARLE

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Sir Knights:

We submit the following budget for the Educational Foundation for 1962:

Postage	$ 50.00
Salary—Secretary	2,002.00
Salary—Clerk	2,444.00
Salary—Treasurer	300.00
Rent	825.00
Telephone	150.00
Trustees' Expenses	65.00
Auditor	300.00

Miscellaneous & Contingent	100.00
Bond and Insurance	200.00
Office Supplies	75.00
Retail Credit Reports	175.00
Social Security	80.00
	$6,766.00

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD A. BUDREAU, Chairman
EDWARD NORRIS
KENNETH H. EARLE

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above Reports and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of Jurisprudence Committee.

October 4, 1961

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
405 Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during its recess and is now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Calvary Commandery amending Section 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8 K. T., amending Article 11, Sections 1 and 2, a copy of which is hereto annexed.
3. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Springfield Commandery No. 6, amending Article 11, Section 1, a copy of which is hereto annexed.
4. Proposed revision of By-Laws of Bethlehem Commandery No. 43, K. T., copy of which is hereto annexed.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee

October 18, 1960

Change in By-Laws

To amend the By-Laws of Calvary Commandery:
Under ARTICLE II, Section 1.

Substitute the words "Rising Sun Masonic Temple, 190 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island" for the words "Masonic Temple, Providence, R. I." so that Section 1 will then read:

CONCLAVES OF THE COMMANDRY

Section 1. The stated Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in Rising Sun Masonic Temple, 190 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island, on the third Tuesday of each month for the transaction of business and balloting, at 7 o'clock P. M. or such other hour as the Standing Committee may in writing designate to the Recorder provided notice thereof be mailed to the members at least four days prior to such Conclave.

The Stated Conclaves of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Commandery.

Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander.

Approved:

LOUIS L. GREEN, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee.

November 9, 1960

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
405 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Sir Knight Recorder:

The following is the Present and Proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8, K. T. Action by the membership of this Commandery will be taken at the stated conclave November 18, 1960 as published in the November conclave notice.

BY-LAWS OF HOLY SEPULCHRE COMMANDERY No. 8, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

AS PRESENT

ARTICLE II

CONCLAVES OF THE COMMANDERY

SECTION 1. The stated conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in the Masonic Building, High Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at 7:45 P. M. on the third Friday in each month. The stated conclaves of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Commandery.

Special conclaves may be called by the Commander.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 2. The officers of the Commandery shall be chosen annually at the stated conclave in June; the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Senior Warden, Junion Warden, Treasurer, and Recorder shall be elected by written ballot; the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Commander. The time and date of installation to be designated by the Commander-elect, and they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

AS PROPOSED

ARTICLE II

CONCLAVES OF THE COMMANDERY

SECTION 1. The stated conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in the Masonic Building, High Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, on the Third Friday of each month.

No stated conclave shall be held prior to 6:00 P. M.

No Annual conclave shall be held prior to 7:45 P. M.

The stated conclaves of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Commandery.

Special conclaves may be called by the Commander.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 2. The officers of the Commandery shall be chosen annually at the stated conclave in June; the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Senior Warden, Junion Warden, Treasurer, and Recorder shall be elected by written ballot; the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Commander. The time and date of installation to be designated by the Commander-elect, and they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

Save this to insert in your By-Laws book if passed 11-18-1960.

Yours in Knightly courtesy,

ARTHUR L. WILBUR,
Recorder.

February 7, 1961

RT. EM. GEORGE A. WEEKS, P.G.C., *Grand Recorder*
Masonic Temple,
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear Sir Knight:

At the Stated Conclave of Springfield Commandery No. 6 K. T. held Monday evening, February 6, 1961, the proposed amendment to our By-Laws was voted on and accepted and I enclose original and two copies for Grand Commandery Committee.

Proposed amendment to Article II, Section 1, that the paragraph reading "the Stated Conclaves of the Commandery shall be held in the Masonic Temple, Springfield, Mass., at 7:30 P. M., on the first Monday of each month, for the transaction of business and balloting," be amended by the following, "except when the first Monday falls on a

Legal Holiday when the Stated Conclave shall be held on the Second Monday of the month."

Courteously yours,

HAROLD G. RANSOM,
Recorder.

BY-LAWS BETHLEHEM COMMANDERY, No. 43, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

ARTICLE I—ORGANIZATION

Section 1. NAME. This body shall be known and designated as Bethlehem Commandery of Knights Templars and the Apendant Orders.

Section 2. SEAL. The seal of this Commandery shall be in the custody of the Recorder and used on all official Commandery business, and shall be composed of a circle containing the name and location of the Commandery, in the center of which shall appear a crown and cross.

Section 3. COMPOSITION. The Commandery shall consist of the following officers, viz: Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Warder, Captain of the Guard, Organist, Armorer and Sentinel, and as many Knights Templars as shall be duly admitted.

Section 4. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS. The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected annually by written ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander immediately after his installation.

Section 5. VACANICIES. In the event of death or any other reason, an office of the Commandery becomes vacant, the Eminent Commander shall fill the vacancy by appointment until the next election of officers.

Section 6. CONCLAVES. The Commandery shall assemble on the second Monday of each month excepting July and August and also upon such special occasions as may be ordered by the Eminent Commander.

Section 7. ANNUAL CONCLAVE. The regular conclave held on the Second Monday in June shall be designated as the Annual Conclave of this Commandery at which conclave the annual reports of the Recorder, Treasurer, Trustees of the Permanent Fund, Trustees of the Permanent Fund shall be made. The officers shall be elected for the ensuing year at the annual conclave.

Section 8. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Section 9. DUE NOTICE. No vote shall be taken for any public installation or parade, election of officers, or any other business except at regular conclaves.

Section 10. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Officers shall be installed at the regular conclave next following the election of officers.

ARTICLE II—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. DUTIES OF THE SEVERAL OFFICERS. The several officers of the Commandery shall discharge the various duties appropriate to their respective offices, according to the laws orders, rituals, rules and traditions of the Order, under the direction of the Eminent Commander.

Section 2. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive the revenues from the Recorder and pay only such demands against the Commandery as have been approved by a majority of the Standing Committee; keep

a correct account of all receipts and expenditures; render a true statement of his accounts to the Standing Committee, at least one week before the Annual Conclave and deliver to his successor, when installed, all monies and property of the Commandery in his possession.

Section 3. RECORDER. The Recorder shall issue notifications to the Sir Knights of all conclaves; specifying the name, residence, and occupation of any candidate; the special business of the conclave; he shall collect all revenues and pay them to the Treasurer, monthly. At least one week before the Annual Conclave, he shall transmit to the Standing Committee an accurate account of all monies received and paid.

ARTICLE III—FUNDS

Section 1. GENERAL FUND. The General Fund shall be administered by the Treasurer, no monies therefrom will be expended by order of the Standing Committee. The fund will consist of all monies other than that of the Permanent Fund and the Permanent Charity Fund, including the interest earned from these funds.

Section 2. PERMANENT FUND. The Permanent Fund shall be administered by the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, except the earned interest from this fund which will be transferred to the General Fund.

Section 3. PERMANENT CHARITY FUND. The Permanent Charity Fund shall be administered by the Trustees of the Permanent Charity Fund, except as hereinafter defined.

Section 4. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. The funds of the Commandery shall not be expended for other than necessary purposes, unless an appropriation for the same shall have been previously voted.

Section 5. ASSESSMENTS. No assessments shall be laid or vote taken thereon except at conclaves regularly called with the business inserted in the notification for said conclave.

ARTICLE IV—COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEE. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General shall be a standing committee who shall examine all bills and demands against the Commandery and approve them if correct; two, at least, of the committee approving the same before payment by the Treasurer; audit the books and accounts of the Recorder, Treasurer, and Trustees; transact generally the financial affairs of the Commandery unless otherwise specifically provided; examine into and report upon all excuses for any breach of these By-Laws; inquire into all petitions for charity and cases of unknightly conduct, taking such action as may be necessary or desirable. At each Annual Conclave they shall submit a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the past year and of all debts due by or to the Commandery.

Section 2. TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND. There shall be elected at the Annual Conclave, three trustees of the Permanent Fund, one of whom shall serve for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, and thereafter at each Annual Conclave, one trustee shall be chosen by ballot, who shall serve for the term of three years or until the election of a successor. Any vacancy occuring in said trustees shall be filled by an election at a stated conclave after due notice. The Trustees shall invest all funds accruing from bequests, donations, and other amounts received and/or voted by the Commandery, in such Savings Banks or securities of permanent value in order to secure the best financial interests of the Commandery. No funds in excess of $500.00 shall be invested or in any way or manner expended by the Trustees until due notice in writing of such intended investment and expenditure is made at a stated conclave, to the Commandery for their approval or disapproval by a majority vote. They

shall keep an accurate record of all investments and submit to the Commandery a full and correct statement of the fund at the Annual Conclave. No draft shall be made on the principal of the Permanent Fund except by vote of the Commandery. They shall transfer all monies earned as interest on this fund to the Treasurer for the General Fund.

Section 3. TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CHARITY FUND. There shall be elected at the Annual Conclave, three trustees of the Permanent Charity Fund, one of whom shall serve for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, and thereafter at each Annual Conclave, one trustee shall be chosen by ballot, who shall serve for the term of three years or until the election of a successor. Any vacancy occurring in said trustees shall be filled by an election at a stated conclave after due notice. The Trustees shall invest all funds accruing from bequests, donations, and other amounts received and/or voted by the Commandery, in such Savings Banks or securities of permanent value in order to secure the best financial interests of the Commandery. This fund shall be for the relief of worthy Sir Knights, or the widows and orphans of the same. Drafts on the Principal of this fund shall be made only on the approval of the standing committees. Whenever this fund exceeds $500.00, the procedure outlined in Section 2 of this article shall be followed. They shall keep on accurate record of all investments and submit to the Commandery a full and correct statement of the fund at the annual Conclave.

Section 4. HALL COMMITTEE. The Commander shall appoint at the Annual Conclave, one member of Bethlehem Commandery to serve with one member from the Tyrian Lodge, A.F. & A.M., one member from Acacia Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and one member from William Ferson Royal Arch Chapter as a hall committee. The first appointment shall be for a one year term. The appointment thereafter shall be for three years. This member shall keep the Commander informed of the actions of the hall committee at all times.

Section 5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR EXPENSES. All committees, other than those above stated shall report their doing to the next regular conclave after their appointment unless further time be granted; all necessary expenses of the committee shall be defrayed by the Commandery.

ARTICLE V—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. APPLICANT FOR THE ORDERS. Every candidiate for the Orders shall make application in the form prescribed by the Grand Commandery, enclosing the fee, which application shall be referred to a committee of three; his name shall be inserted in The notification of the Conclave at which he is to be balloted for; he shall be reported upon by the investigating committee or a majority thereof, and the unanimous ballot of the members present shall be necessary for his admission; no vote shall be taken unless the name of the candidate appears on the notification of the Conclave; if he is not accepted, the fee shall be returned.

Section 2. QUESTION OF BALLOT. When a candidate is rejected, no Sir Knight shall question another as to his ballot or declare his own.

Section 3. AFFILIATIONS. All applications for membership by affiliation shall be governed by the same rules as govern applications for the orders.

Section 4. LIFE MEMBERS. Any Sir Knight in good standing who shall pay to the Commandery a sum equal to twenty-five times the amount of the annual dues in one payment, shall receive from the Recorder a certificate of LIFE MEMBERSHIP and thereby be released from further payment of annual dues; but shall after all assessments be paid, retain the free rights and privileges of membership. All monies received in payment for life membership shall be invested in the

name of the Commandery and administered by the Trustees of the Permanent Fund and none of said funds (the income excepted) shall be used for any purpose whatever unless by a majority vote of the Commandery after notice to that effect shall have been borne upon the official notification of the stated conclave at which the vote is to be taken.

Section 5. Honorary Members. Knights Templars who have been eminently useful to the institution or this Commandery in particular, may be admitted to Honorary Membership at a stated conclave only, by the unanimous ballot of the members present, their names having been inserted in the notification for said conclave. Honorary Members elected by this Commandery shall be exempt from dues and be without vote except that those who were active members of the Commandery shall retain their active member privileges.

Section 6. Delinquent Members. Two months before the Annual Conclave, the Recorder shall notify all delinquent Sir Knights of their indebtedness to the Commandery and request payment of the same; at said Annual Conclave a list of those who are two or more years in arrears with the amount due, shall be read, and those not excused by vote of the Commandery shall have due notice by registered mail that vote on their suspension from membership will be taken at the stated conclave in September.

Section 7. Remission of Dues. The Standing Committee shall have full authority to remit from time to time, the dues of any member whose age, infirmity, misfortune or deserts may in their judgment entitle him to the remission. They shall however, submit a detailed report to the Recorder of the dues demitted for entry in the records of the Commandery at the Annual Conclave.

Section 8. Reinstatement of Suspended Members. Suspended members shall be reinstated by majority ballot of the Commandery upon payment of such sum of arrearages of dues as may be recommended by a majority of the Standing Committee, or by direct vote of the Commandery.

Section 9. Discharge of Membership. Should any member wilfully violate the principles of his profession, or reveal the confidential transactions of this Commandery, to any person not a member, he may be suspended or expelled at any regular conclave, by a three quarter vote of the members present, he having at least one month previous notice of such intention or suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE VI—FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Fees. The fee for the Orders, including membership shall be fifty dollars and for membership by affiliation, ten dollars. In all cases the fee to accompany the application; one tenth of the fees paid by each successful candidate for the Orders shall be paid into the Permanent Fund of the Commandery.

Section 2. Dues. Each member shall pay dues at the rate of nine and one half dollars per annum in advance and the Recorder shall issue each member paying such dues, also to each Life Member, and each Honorary Member, a receipt in card form approved by the Grand Commandery stating that the bearer is in good and regular standing for the period covered by the date thereon, bearing the seal of the Commandery, the signature of the Recorder and space for the signature of the member to whom issued.

Section 3. Grand Commandery Dues. Each member of this Commandery (Honorary Members, who are not active members excepted) shall pay an annual assessment of such amount as assessed by the Grand Commandery, said assessment being due and payable on the same date as the annual dues; said assessment in total being required of this Commandery by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Section 4. Grand Commandery Assessments. Each member of this Commandery (Honorary Members who are not active members excepted) shall pay any member assessments as are made by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ARTICLE VII—UNIFORM

Section 1. Templar Uniform. The personal dress of the Sir Knights when on duty on all formal and public occasions shall be a full suit of black, including a black frock coat, white shirt, black cravat, black trousers, black shoes, chapeau (low cut French style) with three black plumes, black rosettes and silk braid on right side.

BALDRIC—black silk velvet, trimmed with silver lace; worn from right shoulder to left hip; black rosette with silver triangle on the shoulder; with silver square and compass on the hip; gilt dirk hanging from point of baldric; silver nine pointed star on breast, with gilt cross and serpent in the center of the star, surmounted by the motto, "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES"; silver Maltese cross half way between shoulder and star in the baldric.

APRON—triangular, of black silk velvet, and trimmed with one half inch silver lace; on the flap, silver cross swords, pointed down; on apron, a silver skull and cross bones.

SWORD—silver plated mountings with the Passion Cross in red on the hilt; black scabbard, with silver trimmings.

BELT—black enameled leather with Maltese cross on a silver plated clasp. Sword hung from three silver plated chains.

GLOVES—White cotton.

Section 2. Red Cross Uniform. Black coat, trousers and shoes as prescribed for Templar uniform.

CAP—black cloth, trimmed with one row of half inch silver lace; Maltese cross on buttons on side; Passion Cross, two inches in length in white, with red center in front.

SASH—of green silk velvet trimmed with half inch silver lace; the ends of the sash cut square and crossing each other with a rosette of green ribbon with silver triangle in the center, on the crossing of the sash; cross in red on breast, same style as on apron.

APRON—of green silk velvet bordered with green silk fringe; the apron cut rounding without flap, in the center a Passion Cross in red, same style as on sash.

Section 3. Procurement of Uniform. It shall be the duty of every Sir Knight after becoming a member of this Commandery to provide himself with a Knight Templar regalia conforming to the standards in Section 1 above.

ARTICLE VIII—GLOUCESTER MASONIC BUILDING CORPORATION

Section 1. Membership. Bethlehem Commandery No. 43, Knights Templar, being a member of the Gloucester Masonic building corporation shall not relinquish its membership in said Corporation except by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present after written notice of such intended action.

Section 2. Representatives. The first group of representatives from Bethlehem Commandery to the Gloucester Masonic Building Corporation shall consist of two members to be elected for terms of one and two years respectively, and thereafter each representative shall be chosen for a term of two years; and further provided that no representative shall serve successive terms; but there shall always be a lapse of at least one year between terms.

Section 3. Election of Representatives. These representatives shall be chosen by vote of the Commandery at its regular Conclave in December. Each representative shall promptly after being chosen as

such, present a certificate signed by the Recorder of the Commandery to the Corporation to the effect that he is a duly chosen representative. Any representative of the Commandery may be removed by vote of the Commandery and a certified copy of this vote shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. How Made. No By-Laws of this Commandery shall be altered, amended or repealed, unless the amendment or repeal proposed, presented in writing at a regular conclave of the Commandery, the subject duly considered and reported on at a subsequent conclave, by a committee appointed for that purpose and inserted on the notification for the conclave at which it is to be acted upon, nor without the concurrence of three fourths of the members present.

Section 2. Effective Date. These By-Laws shall take effect when approved by the Grand Commandery.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and print same in the Proceedings.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, to the Officers and members of the Grand Commandery in conformance with Article VIII, which directs the Grand Commander to appoint all Committee appointments, such appointments to serve during his pleasure and until their successors have been installed, I have appointed the following Nominating Committee and will the Committee report to the Chairman, Kenneth Earle, Harold Crocker, Robert Powell, Frank Ells, Prescott Eaton, William Turner and Edmund Wilber.

Boston, Massachusetts, October 10, 1961

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations wishes to report that no business requiring its attention has been presented for its consideration during 1960-1961.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold S. Crocker, Chairman
Frank H. Wilson,
Frank B. Ells.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was VOTED to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

Grand Commander: We will now hear the Report of the Committee on Printing.

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. Massachusetts and Rhode Island

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Sir Knights:

Your Printing Committee made every effort to keep the cost of the printing of the 1960 Proceedings of the Grand Commandery to a minimum for the quality of paper used and the workmanship involved.

Your Committee, as in previous years, requested quotations for printing the 1960 Proceedings, and we are pleased to report that with the splendid cooperation of Darold T. Fleming of the Mitchell-Fleming Printing Company that although our Budget called for $1,200.00, we were able to have 250 copies printed at a total cost of $1,090.00—this figure did not include the cost of mailing. We will make every effort to keep the printing of our 1961 Proceedings within our Budget figure as submitted by the Finance Committee.

We recommend "that only the essence of long discussions or speeches be printed in the Proceedings as full transcript are bound and on file in Grand Commandery Office.

Courteously submitted,
Clarence E. Booth, Chairman
Raymond D. Douglass,
George A. Weeks.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight, I will now declare a Recess for Lunch (1:05) to reconvene at 2:30 P. M.

(LUNCH)

Grand Commander: Sir Knight, I now declare Grand Commandery reconvened for business at 2:30 P. M.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC., Meeting of the Board of Directors

R. E. Sir George A. Weeks: Right Eminent Sir, this will not effect the Sir Knights on the sidelines. This is a rule of the Board of Corporations in Massachusetts: "At the Annual Conclave, Directors are to be elected who are to be installed into the respective offices: Grand Commander and President, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and a Board of Directors." There were twenty-

one Directors under the Corporation but during the past year, two have died, leaving nineteen Directors, and you as President had the following Notice and Ballot sent out to the Directors. This ballot was sent at this time to expedite the business at the Annual Conclave.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

September 26, 1961

Sir Knight:

The ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC. will be held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston on: Tuesday, October 10, 1961 at 2:30 P. M., or immediately preceding the Election of the Grand Commandery Officers.

Courteously yours,
CLARENCE E. BOOTH, President

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS, Clerk.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—The Officers were elected:
RAYMOND D. DOUGLAS, Grand Commander and President
WILLIAM F. WEST, Deputy Grand Commander
LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN, Grand Generalissimo
RUSSEL R. LONG, Grand Captain General
CLARENCE E. BOOTH, Grand Treasurer
GEORGE A. WEEKS, Grand Recorder and Clerk of the Corporation
G. BURTON LONG, Grand Senior Warden
HERMAN C. MCSTAY, Grand Junior Warden

DIRECTORS: Harold W. Sprague, Frank H. Wilson, Harold S. Crocker, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Frederic Kennedy, Harrie M. Taft, Kenneth H. Earle, Mortimer W. Schroeder, Thomas A.Booth, Dwight C. Page, Alfred C. Blake, Elliott N. Holley, Whitfield W. Johnson and George B. Rowell.

There Being no further business the meeting was then adjourned.

A True record.

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS, Clerk.

Sir Knights, the next order of business is the election of officers for the ensuing year and I am going to ask my Grand Worder if he will present to the head of this Grand Commandery R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

R. E. Sir, I turn over the head of this Grand Commandery to you that you may complete the election of officers for the Ensuing year.

(R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. now presiding.)

CHAIRMAN WILSON: Once we start ballotting I assume

the door will be tiled because we might want to take a count on this and other matters but it doesn't have to be at this time. I understand the Nominating Committee has a report.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Grand Commander ..... RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
Deputy Grand Commander ..... WILLIAM F. WEST
Grand Generalissimo ..... LOUIS L. BEAUDOIN
Grand Captain General ..... RUSSELL R. LONG
Grand Treasurer ..... CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Recorder ..... GEORGE A. WEEKS
Trustee of the Grand Fund for Three Years ..... HUBERT N. BERNARD

Courteously submitted,

KENNETH H. EARLE
ROBERT E. POWELL
HAROLD S. CROCKER
PRESCOTT W. EATON
FRANK B. ELLS
WILLIAM TURNER
EDWIN O. WILBUR

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, it is the unanimous report of this Committee that V. E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass be elected R. E. Grand Commander for this Grand Commandery and may I move that the rules be suspended and our Grand Commander cast one ballot for V. E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass for Grand Commander. (Voted unanimously).

CHAIRMAN WILSON: Has the R. E. Sir from the Plantations got anything further to report?

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, again it is the unanimous report of the Committee that Sir Knight William F. West of Calvary Commandery No. 13 of Providence be elected Deputy Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery. May I ask that the rules be suspended and that he be elected by acclamation.

CHAIRMAN WILSON: You have heard the motion. If I hear no objection all those in favor signify in the usual Templar manner. All those opposed. It is unanimous and William West has been elected Deputy Grand Commander. Is he present and in a receptive mood?

E. SIR WILLIAM F. WEST: Yes, thank you.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, the Committee unanimously recommends that Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 be elected Grand Generalissimo. I move again that the rules be suspended and he be elected by acclamation.

CHAIRMAN WILSON: You have heard the report of the Committee nominating Louis A. Beaudoin for the next office and that the rules be suspended. If there be no objection I will put the motion. All those in favor of the motion signify in the usual Templar manner. Opposed, no. It is a vote and the delegate from Gethsemane has been unanimously elected. Do you accept?

E. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN: I do, R. E. Sir, and thank you very much Sir Knights. (Applause).

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, it is the unanimous report of the Committee that Sir Knight Russell R. Long of Olivet Commandery No. 36 be elected Grand Captain General of this Grand Commandery. I move you again that the rules be suspended and that he be elected by acclamation.

R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER: R. E. Sir, may I place in nomination the name of Sir Knight Gilbert G. Machon, Past Commander of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery, for the office of Grand Captain General. (Motion seconded).

CHAIRMAN WILSON: We have received two nominations. Are there other nominations? There being no further nominations: will you now kindly tile the door and make the count, which in no event can exceed 196. I now appoint the following Tellers—Herman C. McStay, George C. Patton, Jr., Gordon C. Player to distribute and count the ballots and to present the results of the ballotting to R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE reported as follows: Number of ballots cast 194 with two blanks—Sir Knight Russell R. Long received 123 votes and Sir Knight Gilbert G. Machon received 69 votes.

CHAIRMAN WILSON: Eminent Sir Long, you have been elected Grand Captain General, do you accept?

EMINENT SIR RUSSELL R. LONG: I do and I thank all the Sir Knights for their confidence.

CHAIRMAN WILSON: Now the further report of the Committee.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, the Nominating Committee unanimously reports on the office of Grand Treasurer, R. E. Sir Clarence E. Booth, and may I move that the rules be suspended and that R. E. Clarence E. Booth be elected Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: Second the motion.

CHAIRMAN WILSON: Moved and seconded by suspending the rules that we elect Clarence E. Booth as Grand Treasurer. All those in favor by the usual Templar manner. Opposed, no. (Voted unanimously).

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, the Committee moves for R. E. Sir George A. Weeks to succeed himself as Grand Recorder, and move that the rules be suspended and he be elected by acclamation.

E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: R. E. Sir, second the motion.

CHAIRMAN WILSONS You have heard the motion as seconded that the rules be suspended and we elect our present Grand Recorder to the office of Grand Recorder. All those in favor by the usual Templar manner. Opposed. It is a unanimous vote.

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R. E. Sir, the Committee nominates E. Sir Hubert N. Bernard, Jr. for a three-year term as the Trustee of the Grand Fund to succeed himself. Again I move that the rules be suspended and he be elected by acclamation. (Motion seconded).

CHAIRMAN WILSON: You have heard the motion that the rules be suspended and E. Sir Hubert Bernard be re-elected to his present position as Trustee. All those in favor. Opposed. (Vote unanimously).

Is there any further report from the Nominating Committee?

R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: That concludes our work for the day, Sir.

CHAIRMAN WILSON: I know that the Grand Commander appreciates your arduous labors and he was very insistent, E. Sir Earle, that you have a speaking part this afternoon to start off a splendid afternoon's work. And now I very gladly relinquish this position and resume my seat, if I can find it.

(The Grand Commander now presiding.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, R. E. Sir and R. E. Sir Earle, for the fine and splendid job you have done in conducting this election. I assure you that both myself and my officers appreciate the hard and long work that you have put in.

I think at the moment, Sir Knights, we will again go back to this problem we have on the amendment made by Temple Commandery and I will ask if there is anything more to be said on this. Temple Commandery offers a motion to amend Article IV, Section 3, 4 and 13 as follows: To delete the last paragraph of Section 3 and delete all of Section 4 and delete the last part of Section 13 which refers to the reverse side of the identification card.

That is the amendment that is before this Grand Commandery right now. Is there anything more to be said on this?

E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: R. E. Grand Commander, I move that this motion be indefinitely postponed. (Motion seconded).

THE GRAND COMMANDER: The motion is made and seconded that this motion be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor will signify by the sword arm. Those not in favor by the bridle arm. The motion is carried and the Amendment is indefinitely postponed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I will now ask for the Report of the Committee on INSPECTION AND TACTICS.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Sir there are several reports yet to be heard. The reports that are coming in are the reports of the Committee on Inspection and Tactics, Inspector Instructor , York Rite Promotion, Progress and Publicity, Christmas Offering and Good Cheer, Eye Foundation, Church Parade, Triennial Committee. If there is no objection to these being received I have them all on the desk in printed form and I move you, Sir, that they be accepted and printed in the proceedings in order to save time. (Motion seconded).

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, it has been moved and seconded. If you are in agreement with it and in favor would you signify by showing the sword arm. Those opposed the bridle arm. I assure you, Sir Knights, that these will all be printed in the proceedings. If you don't get the proceedings you can get a copy of them from Grand Commandery Office.

Boston, Massachusetts, October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

TACTICS

On June 29, 1960, a meeting was called to consider minor changes in the Tactics, and to review the quotations submitted for the printing of 1,000 New Tactics.

After some discussion, it was VOTED to award the printing of the Tactics to the Mitchell-Fleming Printing Company.

I am pleased to report that the books were printed so that the cost per copy would not exceed the former price of $2.00 each. It was further VOTED that one copy be given to each Commandery for the use of the Commander (same to remain the property of Grand Commandery) and additional copies may be purchased at $2.00 each.

On May 5, 1961, Official Letter No. 3 was mailed to all Recorders, informing them that the new Tactics were ready for distribution and with the request to place their orders so that the new Tactics could be put into effect with their September meeting. To date, 41 Commanderies have placed

their orders for 492 copies with 50 complimentary copies for Commanders use.

It was further VOTED that no new changes shall be made in the Tactics for a period of three years.

Courteously submitted,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH, Chairman
HAROLD S. CROCKER
GEORGE A. WEEKS
FREDERIC KENNEDY
PRESCOTT W. EATON

REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

October 10, 1961

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Fifty Commanderies held their inspections this year with 24 earning a mark 10–, compared to 31 last year. 20 a mark of 9+, compared to 9 last year. 5 earned a mark of 9 and 1 a mark of 9–.

This year seven Commanders lost 1 point while doing the work. Only 13 Commanders lost more than 10 points with the greatest loss 54 points.

The Commanderies lost from 5 to 130 points for a total of 1874 points or 37.5 points per Commandery. This compares with a loss of 40.9 points last year.

The two highest marks were earned by Beauseant and Reading both with a mark of 995.

Three exemplifications were held this year, the fourth was lost due to a blizzard. Members of 34 Commanderies took part in three meetings.

Courteously yours,

THOMAS C. BROWN,
Inspector Instructor.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS AND PUBLICITY

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery:

Our Grand Commandery sustained a net loss in membership in the 1960-1961 year. Final figures show 15,001 members at the year end, reflecting a reduction of 58 members during the year. The total number of admissions was 92 less than in the preceding year, while terminations decreased by only 14.

Membership Change—Five-Year Period

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1857
Knighted	594	678	695	668	728
Affiliated	25	31	27	23	17
Reinstated	13	15	17	19	21
Gross Additions	632	724	739	710	766
Deaths	433	433	444	435	432
Demits	129	149	120	98	121
Suspensions	116	110	90	67	118
Errors	12	12	–	4	7
Gross Terminations	690	704	654	604	678
Net Gain	(58)	20	85	106	88
Percent Gain	(.32%)	.13%	.57%	.71%	.59%

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Berkshire Commandery was first in membership gain with an increase of 27, Temple Commandery was second with a gain of 19 and Reading Commandery, with a gain of 13, was in third place.

NET GAINS AND LOSSES

Twenty-six commanderies had net gains in membership totaling 166 members, one commandery had no change, and twenty-three commanderies had net losses totaling 224 members.

DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

Demits and suspensions resulted in the loss of 245 members. In the last five years, demits and suspensions have caused a loss of 1,127 members. It is important that losses from these causes be reduced.

AFFILIATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

We added 38 members by affiliation and reinstatement. I believe a larger number of members can be obtained from these sources.

PETITIONS

We obtained only 632 petitions toward our Grand Commandery goal of 1,000. Thirteen commanderies, or 26%, equaled or exceeded their quotas. All commanderies that made their quotas had a net gain in membership for the year. Cambridge Commandery headed the quota attainment list by obtaining 210% of its quota. Berkshire and Temple

Commanderies were runners up, with 194% and 184% of their quotas, respectively. Seven commanderies have two or more successive years of quota attainment. Cyprus Commandery has now equaled or exceeded its quota for eight successive years.

Worcester County and Haverhill Commanderies obtained the largest number of petitions with 41 each, followed by Berkshire Commandery with 37, and Boston Commandery with 33.

PUBLICITY

Through the cooperation and assistance of the Grand Recorder, the columns of The Templar were used to promote and record membership activity during the year.

Courteously submitted,

J. LEROY JONES, Director
Membership Progress and Publicity

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

Sir Knights:

Your Committee reports its activities for 1959-1960 as follows:

Under the date of November 1st, 1960, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, Grand Commander, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collections of Funds for the needy with the admonition, "this Official Order is to be read at the Head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt," and the results reported before January 15th on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery."

These forms were mailed early in December, follow-up letters were mailed after January 15th and again in February to the Eminent Commanders of the Commanderies that had not reported, requesting them to report immediately in order that our report could be completed, but to date two Commanderies have failed to send in a report—Old Colony No. 15 and Trinity No. 32.

We all must realize that the Grand Commandery is now Incorporated as a Charitable Fraternal Organization, and we must be able to report how much we spend for charity—48 Commanderies contributed a total of $8,574.12 which is $478.84 less than last year.

Templary is a charitable organization and if each Sir Knight had contributed $1.00 each, we would have had more than $15,000.00. The total amount collected since the inception of this Fund in 1931 amounts to $196,839.72.

Templary being based upon the teachings of Christ—"The call is to worship Him on Christmas Day—and every day." "Our LOYALTY IS TO GOD, TO CROSS, AND TO COUNTRY."

Courteously submitted,

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS, Chairman
E. SIR NORMAN GILLIN
E. SIR KARL W. P. REECE
E. SIR ELMER H. ROBINSON
E. SIR JOHN LYONS
E. SIR HENRY L. GARDNER
E. SIR HERBERT W. ANNIS
E. SIR ARVIN C. M. FRENCH
E. SIR KARL O. LEPISTO

REPORT OF THE K. T. EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1961

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K. T.

Sir Knights:

The members of your Grand Commandery Committee have now served 3 years as a co-ordinating and supervisory committee carrying out the work of the K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc.

In all of our 50 Constituent Commanderies, the two committees have long since been organized, namely one committee on "Applications and Publicity" and one committee on "Wills and Bequests." Their names and addresses were sent to the Executive Director of the Grand Encampment K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc., in New York so that each member would receive a kit with pamphlets, forms, and other data.

Your Grand Commandery Committee has the responsibility of seeing that these Constituent Commandery Committees function and carry out the duties and objectives defined for them.

The Constituent Commandery Committee on "Applications and Publicity" receives from the Administrative Office of The Grand Encampment, informative data, forms, pamphlets, instructions, and briefing on all phases of the activities, objectives, and accomplishments of The K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc. Their main objective is to acquaint

as many people as possible with the objectives, the work that we are doing, and what has been accomplished by our Foundation, with the view of expanding our work so that a greater number of persons needing eye surgery, or with greatly impaired vision, and unable to pay, may be helped by our Foundation. We are anxious to help as many as we can.

The Constituent Commandery Committee on "Wills and Bequests" concentrates on contacting and advising Banks, Trust Companies, Attorneys, Accountants, or other individuals desiring to designate The K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc., as a beneficiary in their Wills.

Since the organization of The K. T. Eye Foundation, Grand Encampment has processed 3,810 cases and spent approximately $1,170,182.30 on these cases. In addition $487,500.00 has been awarded in grants for research.

Since our last report one year ago, only 6 of our Commanderies have had cases, the total amount expended for these 6 cases totals $2,321.25. The amount spent in the past three years totals $10,419.95. The detail since our last report follows:

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 1960 TO JUNE 30, 1961

Case No.	*Commandery*	*Location*	*Disposition*		*Date*
2111	Narragansett No. 27	Westerly	Authorized	$505.00	10- 1-60
2325	Godfrey de Boullion No. 25	Fall River	Authorized	$255.00	11- 1-60
2572	St. Andrew No. 49	Holyoke	Not Eligible		1- 4-61
2626	.....	.....	No Surgery		1-17-61
2723	Thomas Smith Webb No. 51	Cranston	Not Eligible		2- 7-61
2833	Haverhill No. 14	Haverhill	No Surgery		3- 7-61
2838	Calvary No. 13	East Providence	Authorized	$500.00	4-10-61
3085	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	No Surgery		6-14-61
3193	Gethsemane No. 35	Newtonville	Auhtorized	$486.25	5-15-61

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM JULY 1, 1961 TO SEPTEMBER 20, 1961

3490	Haverhill No. 14	Haverhill	Authorized	$345.00	7-24-61
3625	St. Omer No. 21	Boston	Authorized	$230.00	8-21-61
3639	Gethsemane No. 35	Newtonville	Not Eligible		8-28-61
3668	St. Omer No. 21	Dorchester	Not Eligible		8-17-61

Previous total	32
From 9-21-60 to 6-30-61	9
Total to 6-30-61	41
From 7-1-61 to 9-20-61	4
Total 9-20-61	45

In Mass. & R. I. we have had only 45 cases in these three years, and from 21 of our 50 Commanderies. In all of New England there has been less than 100 cases in this

same period, far less than in other parts of the country. There is a feeling that there are as many people in these States with impaired vision and unable to pay, as there are in other States.

Co-operative arrangements have been made with "The Eye Bank For Sight Restoration, Inc.", New York City and affiliated Eye Banks throughout the U.S.A. in the matter of denoting one's eyes for corneal transplants.

You can perform a miracle by donating your eyes, after death, to the Eye Bank, eye surgeons estimate that one out of 25 of all the American blind can be helped to see again by the corneal transplant operation.

Although the operation for replacing a clouded cornea with tissue from a donated eye is the result of a century and a half of research and experiment, it was not until 1945 that most of these blind had the hopes of regaining their sight. A lack of corneal tissue and a combination of time, space and transportation problems were the reasons for this, but in 1945 the "Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc." was established in New York City to collect, preserve and distribute corneal tissue.

The Boston Eye Bank was formed in 1946 to serve the entire New England area in providing eye tissue for the corneal transplant operation and research, it is an affiliate of the New York Eye Bank.

There are no age limits on the donation of eyes. The wearing of glasses, most previous eye surgery, or disease of the eye have little effect on eye donations, eyes must be removed as soon as possible, there is no disfigurement after the removal of the donated eyes, eyes are never bought or sold, it is against medical ethics to remove an eye from a living person unless it has to be removed for medical reasons. There is no market for the sale of eye tissue. The Eye Bank never charges for its services.

Eyes are furnished free to surgeons and there is no cost to patients. There is no charge to the next of kin for the removal of donated eyes.

There are no religious objections on the part of the Protestant, Catholic or Jewish faiths to the donations of eyes. Eye surgeons estimate that 20,000 persons could be helped to regain their sight through the corneal transplant operation. No eye is ever wasted. Eyes that are unsuitable for transplant for technical reasons are invaluable for research. Some day the knowledge gained from research may contribute to the cure and prevention of many causes of blindness.

What a magnificant gift you can make by donating your eyes to some one, after you have had a life time of their use. Your generosity can fulfill the need of some one whose

days are spent in waiting and praying for a restoration of sight.

Many individuals have donated their eyes so that the corneas may be transplanted into the eyes of living persons who may be thus saved from blindness.

It is tragic that many people put this request in their wills. The Eye Bank so often receives a copy of a probated will long after it is too late to carry out the generous wish of the deceased.

Eyes should be removed as soon after death as possible. The maximum length of time should be no longer than 10 hours.

The necessary forms, instructions, identifications card, and booklet, are available upon writing to the office of "Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc." P.O. Box 248, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Courteously submitted,

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K.T. Eye Foundation Committee for Mass. and R. I.

NOTE: For report on Church Parade and Triennial Conclave see Grand Commanders Address.

Sir Knights, I have one other item to bring before this Grand Commandery before we turn the head of this Grand Commandery over to the Installing Officer. Is the Committee on the proposed resolution to amend Article XIX, Section 1, Orders and Qualifications, read to report?

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: You will be sorry that I am. I don't know whether it should be considered a report from the Committee because the Committee was in '59 and I am making this report now for some disposition of this disputed matter. Now, for once, I trust that personalities won't enter into this discussion. I am sorry it wasn't considered this morning, or right after the election, or even before the election, because I consider it of imperative importance for the 190 or so Sir Knights here to each intelligently vote on the question one way or another. My report is in some detail and I am going to read it, not too fast and not because I prepared it, but because I don't think anyone in the Asylum should vote on it without knowing the facts.

A Committee appointed in 1959 to study and report on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Commandery to provide that the Cryptic Degree in the

York Rite be required as a prerequisite for the Orders of Knighthood, made its report at our October 1959 Annual Conclave. The Committee at that time stated its unanimous belief that the York Rite in Freemasonry should be more closely united, and that the Chapter, Council and Commandery should and must more generally work together for their mutual benefit. The excellent results of such cooperation in the City of Lowell were pointed out, as well as the recent spectacular gain attained by the Council of Royal and Select Masters in Massachusetts in comparison with the far less favorable results in Templary.

With the aid of questionnaires sent out, at our request, through the Office of the Grand Recorder, the 1959 Committee was advised in detail of progress made or action already taken among the 48 Commandery Jurisdictions since action taken by the Grand Encampment at Indianapolis in August of 1958. As of October 1959 it appeared a total of eight Grand Commanderies in 1959 had passed such amendment; namely, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Washington. In addition, of course, Virginia and West Virginia already confer the Cryptic Degrees in reverse order with the Chapter. As I understand it there, the Select and Royal Degrees precede the Most Excellent and Royal Arch. Also it appeared that in Texas, a petitioner for Degrees in a Chapter must file his petition and a check for the Cryptic Degrees before he can receive Degrees in the Chapter.

It was finally recommended and voted in October of '59 to postpone action until the 1960 Annual Conclave, pending further information as to still further results in other Jurisdictions. At the Annual Conclave in October '60 the matter was again laid over until October '61 which is today.

Now I believe these figures and these statements made are 99% correct and I stand subject to correction in some of the minor points only. Meanwhile further inquiry elicits the following additional information. In addition to the eight Grand Commanderies above referred to as requiring the Cryptic Degrees as a prerequisite as of October 1959, together with Virginia and West Virginia and Texas as stated, it now appears that ten more Grand Commanderies have passed the suggested legislation; namely, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Carolina, Utah and Vermont. At present, therefore, 18 out of 48 jurisdictions have already adopted the amendment, to which should be added Virginia, West Virginia and Texas with their own distinct requirements, making a total of 21. Two States have provided for the amendment to come up in 1962; namely, Georgia and Idaho; two other states

are scheduled to take action this autumn, Colorado and New Hampshire. Maryland is reported to have rejected the proposal in May of 1960 by a small majority. Several States have refused to adopt the proposal on the ground that in those States the Councils are comparatively few in number and widely scattered. That appears to be the situation in Kansas, Dakotas, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Of course, this is not the situation in our own jurisdiction where there are 39 Councils and 50 Commanderies: 7 Councils and 7 Commanderies in Rhode Island, 32 Councils and 43 Commanderies in Massachusetts.

It might also be noted that the reported net growth of the respective York Rite Bodies here this past year was approximately as follows: Chapter, loss of 200; Council, net gain of 130; Commandery, net loss of 58. For the past five years, I am informed, for the years '56 to '61, the Chapter net loss has been 562; the Commandery shows a net gain of only 241; the Council shows a net gain of 510. It would appear that nationally the three York Rite Bodies in almost, if not all, jurisdictions, will eventually be officially coordinated in a manner similar to the Accepted Scottish Rite requirements.

The unqualified success of the so-called Lowell Plan, which is becoming more and more widely adopted, would appear to be a strong factor working towards such an eventual conclusion.

There is something radically wrong with the traditional York Rite System in this area. At the close of my year as Grand Commander in October 1950 there were 164 more Knights Templar in Massachusetts than 32° Masons,—a total of 11,487 as against 11,323. In a period of ten years, what has been the change? Instead of leading by 164, Templary in Massachusetts today has 5,396 less on the rolls than has the Scottish Rite,—12,877 as compared with 18,273.

More than one factor is involved in this startling change, but I am convinced that one chief reason is that the Scottish Rite has a package to sell. Lodges of Perfection are not competing against Princes of Jerusalem, and the Consistory is not in any friendly rivalry with the Chapter of Rose Croix. A candidate is sold the idea of the Scottish Rite as a single project. When a Scottish Rite applicant starts out, he knows where he is going and how he is traveling. With the York Rite, sold as we have been selling it, the prospect is told in effect that we sell a three-piece suit, but can come back and buy the vest later on! The candidate begins to wonder; he may well decide to travel on the clearly defined thru-way where there are no detours. He goes Scottish.

There are over 130,000 Blue Lodge Masons in Massachusetts all eligible for the Grotto, of which I am proud to be a member, but there are probably more Masons holding membership in Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, in Boston, than in all the Grottos in the State, and our potential customers numbers only such of the 31,150 Knights Templar and 32° Masons as live East of Springfield. Why? The Shrine has never found it necessary to eliminate the top of the York Rite, or the top of the Scottish Rite, as a prerequisite for membership.

If we are really hungry for members, irrespective of advanced Masonic qualifications, why doesn't Templary take direct from the Blue Lodge, why bother with the Chapter—any more than the Council? Certainly the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta and the Temple are no historical nor logical development from the Royal Arch. That sounds like Masonic sacrilege, I don't advocate it. Why don't we do it? It is because we are the pinnacle of a Rite,—the York Rite, and in the long run we are either going to be a Rite, or we are not. We either have a package to sell, or we're a variety store. It has been hurting us.

Adoption of the proposed amendment, you say, might slow Templary down for a year or so. I don't believe anyone who has studied recent figures in Lowell, or Lawrence, or Haverhill, would say it would be a deterrent for very long. But let's be practical about it, and this will bore you all, but you ought to listen. Let's take a play by play comparison of the Grand Commandery Jurisdictions which now have a real York Rite, and those who don't. I hope you are listening. I couldn't believe it myself until I made the comparison.

Alabama, with the amendment, shows gain in both Council and Commandery for the past five years; Connecticut, without it, has had no losses in four of the last five years. Arizona, with the amendment, show a gain for all York Rite Bodies for the past five years; District of Columbia, without it, shows a net loss in all York Rite Bodies for the past five years. Arkansas, with the amendment, last year showed its first gain in three years; Idaho, without it, showed a Commandery loss last year. Florida, with the amendment, shows all Bodies with gains these past five years; Illinois, without it, shows Commandery losses for five years. California, with the amendment, shows all York Rite Bodies gaining; Kansas, without it, show Commandery losses in three of the past four years. Indiana, with the amendment, has had gains for the last five years; Kentucky rejected the admendment, and shows Commandery losses for the past three years. Louisiana, with the amendment, in effect for three years, shows Commandery gains in four of the five years; Maryland, without it, shows

Commandery losses these past two years. Mississippi, adopting the amendment in May 1959, shows Commandery gains in four of the past five years; New York, without the amendment, show a net loss for each of five years. Montana, with the amendment, has gained in four of the past five years; Pennsylvania, without it, shows a net loss of 284 last year. Nebraska, with it, shows Council and Commandery gains the past five years; South Dakota, without it, shows a net loss. New Mexico, with it, shows all York Rite Bodies with gains for five years; Colorado, without it, shows a loss the past two years. North Carolina, with it, shows all York Rite Bodies gaining; Iowa, without it, showed its first net loss in '60. Oklahoma, with the amendment, showed a net gain in '60 after a '59 net loss; Maine, without it, shows losses during each of the past three years. South Carolina, with the amendment, shows net gains in all the three Bodies these past five years; New Hampshire, without it, has net losses these past three years, Tennessee, with the amendment, shows all three Bodies with net gains for the past five years; Oregon, without it, has losses for four successive years.

So also do we find Utah, now with the amendment, showing a net gain this past year after three successive years of losses.

I am not making this report for the Royal and Select Masters of the Council of Massachusetts although I was once an Illustrious Master, and, of course, hold Council Membership. The Councils seem to have been doing fairly well for themselves here in Massachusetts. During the Past five years, the Chapters show a net loss of over 600, the Commanderies a net gain of only 244, and the Councils a net gain of 520.

Today, I am interested only in the future of the only Christian Order in Masonry. I am interested in the *Long term* future of Templary. I am speaking for the York Rite. I am thinking of that startling change in a short period of ten years from the close of 1950 when there were 164 more Templars in this State than there were 32° Masons, until the present zero hour when we find 5396 more Scottish Rite York Rite Masons in this State. I'm a Scottish Rite Mason, and I have been since 1919. I am proud of it, but I am also proud of Templary. I'm disturbed this year at the first net loss in many, many years. I'm disturbed at the fact, that Nationally, our Great Order showed a net loss of over 1,900 this past year, and I note that the chief *gains*, for some reason, appear to have been mostly in those jurisdictions in which the York Rite is a *Rite* in practice as well as in theory!

I understand that last year 21 Grand Commanderies that *do* have the Cryptic Rite as a prerequisite showed a net gain of 1,387, and 27 Grand Commanderies that do not have it, show a net loss of 1,180.

Initially, I want to frankly admit, *I* wasn't sold on the proposition. I had to be shown. I wanted to see the figures. I have come to realize that the step itself isn't irrevocable; we can always revert to our old ways, although none of the other jurisdiction, after making the change, seem to have done so.

I believe the time has come to *do* something about what happened last year and what has happened in this jurisdiction during these past ten years. "The hour has arrived; let us return for the body," while there is still *life* in it. Let's face the situation. Let's sell the York Rite as a *package;* or let's stop *calling* it the York Rite; except perhaps in Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill and Northhampton.

So I'll move first to amend the proposed amendment by substituting the effective date November 1, 1962 for the date of November 1, 1960. If that amendment passes by the necessary vote, I am prepared to move for the adoption of the proposed amendment as corrected. (Motion seconded).

THE GRAND COMMANDER: The motion is made and seconded that the report of R. E. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. be accepted.

R. E. ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R. E. Sir Grand Commander, I don't want to slip anything over. I move that the report be accepted and spread upon the records. I then move the effective date of November 1, 1960 be changed to November 1, 1962. Action would come first on receiving the report and spreading it on the record. Then would come action on the proposed amendment to the amendment.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion by R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. and I believe it has been seconded. All those in favor will signify by the sworn arm. All those opposed by the bridle. (Motion carried).

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Now in order that we may face it, I move the adoption of the proposed amendment as amended and without the stifling paragraph. In other words, if we are going to become York Rite, let's go the full distance and look to the Cryptic Rite to make good and I, for one, will vote to change back if they don't go along. So I move the amended amendment. (Motion seconded).

VOICE: Do I understand that a Council cannot accept a petition until it is accompanied with a petition for the Commandery?

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: My motion was to drop that holding clause. I have been converted!

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion. It has been seconded. Those in favor signify by the sword arm. Those opposed, by the bridle. It is a vote.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Might it be on the record R. E. Sir, that the vote was unanimous, if it was.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: No, it wasn't.

EM. SIR JAMES C. BAYLEY: R. E. Sir might it be on the record that it be passed by the necessary two-thirds?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I didn't take that into consideration. I think we have to take that into consideration and count. I am wrong. This requires a two-thirds vote which I started to say before. I am going to ask that we vote over on that. All those in favor will they signify by the sword arm. I think it might be better, Sir Knights, if you stood up. All right Sir Knights, you may be seated. Those opposed the bridle arm. I guess there is no question, Sir Knights but what it has got a two-thirds vote.

Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, would you go down and escort the R. E. Grand Warder to the head of the Commandery, please.

(E. Sir Charles B. Harrington presented to the East.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Well, E. Sir Charlie, we have come a long road the two of us and it is my happy pleasure to present to you your Grand Warder's jewel and if I can get it out of here without stabbing you I will be doing well. Although we are not in command any more you are still the Grand Warder because I am the Grand Treasurer now. I present to you your shoulder straps and the case that you might carry that jewel in it.

Charlie, I would tell you how much I appreciate the nice things you have done for me over the past few years as my Grand Warder and I still look forward to traveling with you.

E. SIR CHARLES D. HARRINGTON: R. E. Grand Commander, you are still the boss. It has been a pleasure traveling with you and we have had a lot of swell times and I don't regret one moment. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, we have a motion to be read at this time.

R. E. SIR FRANK WILSON: R. E. Grand Commander, as the last duty before you retire as is customary I so move that all the acts of the officers and committees of this Grand Commandery for the fiscal year 1960-1961 be ratified and approved. (Motion seconded).

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion and it has been seconded. All those in favor will signify by the sword arm. Those opposed by the bridle. It is a vote.

Now Sir Knight Captain of the Guard will you find and locate R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy and E. Sir James Hooper and conduct them to the head of this Grand Commandery that they may proceed with the installation.

The following Officers were elected and appointed:

R. E. Grand Commander.....SIR KT. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.....SIR KT. WILLIAM F. WEST
E. Grand Generalissimo.....SIR KT. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
E. Grand Captain General.....SIR KT. RUSSELL R. LONG
R. E. Grand Treasurer.....SIR KT. CLARENCE E. BOOTH
R. E. Grand Recorder.....SIR KT. GEORGE A. WEEKS

TRUSTEE

EM. SIR HUBERT N. BERNARD.....*Three Years*

The following appointments were made:

Grand Senior Warden.....SIR KT. G. BURTON LONG
Grand Junior Warden.....SIR KT. HERMAN C. MCSTAY
Grand Prelate.....REV. AND SIR KT. FRANK B. CRANDALL
Associate Grand Prelates.....REV. AND SIR KT. W. IRVING MUNROE, JR.
SIR KT. WILLIAM T. O'NEIL
SIR KT. ARTHUR J. PHILLIPS
Grand Standard Bearer.....SIR KT. GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.
Grand Sword Bearer.....SIR KT. GORDON C. PLAYER
Grand Warder.....SIR KT. RALPH O. BALLENTINE
Grand Captain of the Guard.....SIR KT. NORMAN L. STAVELEY
Grand Sentinel.....SIR KT. CLARENCE R. DAVIS
Division Commander—6th.....SIR KT. JACK RICHARD BAKER
Division Commander—7th.....SIR KARSTEN H. SANDMO
Inspector Instructor.....SIR KT. THOMAS C. BROWN

The Officers elected and appointed were duly installed by Sir Knight Frederic Kennedy, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, assisted by Sir Knight James R. Hooper, Eminent Past Grand Warder, as Marshal.

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Following the Official Proclamation R. E. Sir Clarence E. Booth was presented to the East.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R. E. Sir Grand Commander, a presentation is in order but a little bit in reverse form. Harold Crocker should have come up here first but I do have this. This little Past Grand Commander's button was worn by your predecessor in office, Alfred Kenneth Martin and it was the desire of his wife, Mrs. Martin, that I present it to you. It is a little ahead of time because I may be stealing some of Harold's thunder so I don't think I will. This belonged to A. Kenneth Martin and she wanted you to wear that.

R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH: Thank you very much.

R. E. SIR HAROLD CROCKER: R. E. Clarence Booth, I welcome you to the ranks of the Past Grand Commanders, sometimes referred to as the Grand Old Ruins, so I am glad to have you among them. You have spent many hours and many days for the benefit of Templary over these past ten years. It has even been recognized in the Grand Encampment as mentioned by R. E. Sir Brucker this morning. So it is a great pleasure for me to present you a Past Grand Commander's Jewel. It is a great pleasure for me to pin that on your breast and it will show to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction that you have served them as Grand Commander. Its intrinsic value is not so great but it does show that you have served us faithfully and well and I am awfully glad that I was the one who pinned it on you.

R. S. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH: Thank you, R. E. Sir Harold. I certainly appreciate that coming from you.

R. E. SIR HAROLD CROCKER: Incidentally, Sir Knights, this jewel was also worn by A. Kenneth Martin. It has his name on it as well as Clarence.

In order that you may be properly dressed you now go from the red to the purple. Good luck.

R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH: Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I have a couple of announcements to make.

Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Mass. and R.I., Rt. Em. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Most excellent Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mass. and R.I., Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Mass. and R.I., Right Em. Sirs, Em. Sirs and Sir Knights.

Today you have made an old Professor very happy; He is well aware of his many responsibilities, and his obligations to this Grand Commandery, to St. Bernard his own Commandery and to Rt. Em. Sir Frederic Kennedy who sponsored me in this Grand Commandery Line. I should like to take this opportunity to thank my sponsor Rt. Em. Sir Frederic Kennedy and his Grand Warder Em. Sir James R. Hooper for installing the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery this afternoon. I am truly grateful to Rt. Em. Sir Frederic Kennedy not only for installing me today but also for his never failing faith in me from the day he appointed me in this Grand Commandery Line eight years ago.

This is not a one man organization, the combined efforts of our 15001 Sir Knights are necessary to make our Grand Commandery stronger and stronger as the years roll by.

Let me ask a question, and allow me to give my answer. Why does one seek admission to the Masonic Fraternity? Probably because he has great respect and admiration for a man or men in his own community and he or they happened to be Masons, and he too desires to be like him or them and to be likewise respected by others.

I think of Masonry as a University. Because of a certain respect for someone at the University one decides to seek admission. Having passed the necessary requirements and qualifying for admission he gains admission and is exposed to a scientific, cultural or liberal arts training in some field of his choice, and sometime in this process of learning he is exposed to the historical, geographical and economic developments of that field throughout its period of existance. This field could be in the realm of science, music, painting, the arts or the like or merely to satisfy his curiosity or to satisfy an existing ambition. For his efforts he receives a degree, and as he receives further knowledge and training he receives or earns higher degrees. A part of this training takes place in a laboratory where he is given the further opportunity to observe and experiment. Sometime during this exposure he becomes more and more interested in some particular phase of the program pursued and seeks more and more specific knowledge and information, always hoping that his continued enthusiasm may help him to be of service to others and service to humanity.

One seeks admission to a Masonic Lodge, and being admitted receives light in Masonic history, geography and economic conditions throughout its long period of years. At the end of a prescribed period of time he is awarded a degree as a reward for his endeavers and to indicate to the world that a certain prescribed program has been successfully completed. His laboratory work consists of service on committees and participation in the work of the Degrees and Orders. Now, is there any difference between the University and Masonry? True enough there is a difference in the form of the reward for such specialized training, one is monetary while the other is love and friendship. There is no end to the learning process in either the University or in Masonry. In either case selectivity is in vogue at the beginning and end of certain periods. One who has become, through this training, proficient in ritual is looked upon with respect and sometimes almost reverence by the candidate receiving the Degrees and Orders and in turn the Candidate goes forth as the best possible advertisement for Masonry, and he is anxious to share with others the wonderful experience he has been privileged to observe and to participate in.

It is my sincere belief that every individual should attempt to become interested in some field of endeavor and perhaps far remote from his daily occupation. Invariably, I have observed, these outside activities will bring about results which could never be surmised beforehand.

A few years ago I knew a man of considerable wealth and business ability who lived in a suburb of Boston. He was afflicted with a disease of a kind similar to asthma which became so severe in the Fall of the year that it was necessary for him to seek an environment which would enable him to alleviate his suffering. Such a place was found in Greece, and to this place he returned year after year. His last trip to Greece was made on a slow freighter. Having exhausted all of his own reading material aboard ship he found a magazine in the ship's small library, and within its covers was an article on a certain mathematical problem. He was not at all interested in mathematics but having exhausted all other available reading material, read this article over and over again. Suddenly one day his interest or curiosity became aroused and he began to make a serious study of this problem. His interest became such that upon his return to Boston he consulted with the proper authorities for the purpose of clearing up certain questions that had arisen during his study and exploration of this problem. His interest and work on this problem continued with greater zest until finally he was recognized as an authority on this particular phase of mathematics. He became so involved in the writing of papers and lecturing that he was completely unaware of the fact that he had not returned to Greece during the past five year period, and his asthmatic condition had completely disappeared. I am not claiming that a serious study of mathematics will bring about such a miraculous result. It is my opinion, however,

that any interest created in any manner or circumstance such as in music painting, science, Masonry or any other topic of discussion can create a most desirable and perhaps wholly unexpected compensation, usually in direct proportion to the amount of serious thought and effort expended.

I truly believe that Masonry is one of those fertil fields where the results may be most rewarding. Here our reference book or enclopedia is the HOLY BIBLE. Can you suggest a better field of study or book of reference? Let each one of us so thoroughly equip ourselves with the knowledge and profound significance of Masonry that we too may become one of those men to be looked up to and respected by those who may say "I want to be like him and do as he does." What I have said here is in reference to Masons of every Degree, and more especially to Knight Templars. It is in Templar Masonry that we obtain the highest earned Degree in York Rite Masonry. Further Degrees are conferred upon those whose enthusiasm and personal sacrifice forcefully makes us mindful of the noble deeds of the Knights of old. May the illustrious lives of those heroes of past ages whose matchless valor has shed undying lustre upon the name of Knights Templar even encourage and animate each of us to a faithful performance of our duties.

The Templar year immediately ahead of us will be a crucial one. Our membership at the beginning of this Conclave was 15001. We must do everything in our power to increase this number considerably if we are to hold the name of Knight Templar in the same respect and reverance which has been ours since the founding of this Order. As long as the Blue Lodges continue to make Master Masons it is entirely in our own hands whether or not we invite our friends and associates to unite with us in the sacred bond of friendship and brotherly love that has been ours to enjoy in this Order over a vast span of years. This bond of friendship and brotherly love is probably needed more today than in any period of history. We are surrounded by groups who are eager and waiting to cut our bonds of friendship and set us adrift in that sea of unrest and intrigue. It cannot remain unnoticed that we must have candidates to replace those who have been called to those realms above from which no one returns. Each Commandery must become aware of its need for replacements in order to maintain its own standard of preserving the traditions established by its founders and to continue to keep their members happy and interested in the cause in which we have pledged our faith. Ever bear in mind that the loss of one member necessitates a replacement of two new ones.

Inspections will follow the same pattern as last year. We shall use the same Marking Officers who proved their efficiency last year by establishing a system approaching uniformity of marking. A quota of candidates has again been set for each Commandry. It is indeed necessary that this quota assignment be attained if we are to maintain our present membership level.

It is my sincere hope that each Commandery will continue and expand its program of Social activities and Patriotic programs. It may be well for you to appoint a committee within your Commandery to make a study of these activities. Be sure to do everything within your power to keep your members active and interested in the affairs of your Commandery.

Let each of us always remember that we are working in the interest of York Rite Masonry, but at no time are we in conflict with the Scottish Rite Bodies. We must all work together in order that we may always preserve the heritage of Free Masonry.

Em. Sir Louis L. Green who has served so faithfully on and as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee over a long span of years has asked to be relieved of further duties at this time. His service to this Grand Commandery has been most valuable and appreciated. Due to additional pressure Em. Sir Ralph E. Noble desired to be relieved of his duties as Associate Grand Prelate. We extend our thanks to these Sir Knights for a job well done and wish each of them continued good health and prosperity.

Finally let us remember that we belong to Grand Commandery NUMBER ONE. Always let us so do and act that we may be looked to as the NUMBER ONE GRAND COMMANDRY.

Let me call to your attention the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Beauseant Commandery No. 41 on Sunday October 22, in Malden. There will be a Church Service and a short parade. It is hoped that as many of you as possible will attend and participate in this celebration.

Will the newly elected and appointed Officers remain for a group picture immediately following the adjournment of this Conclave. Following this the Past Commanders' Association will be called to order for their Annual Meeting and Initiation ceremonies. The Past Commanders' Association is scheduled for 6 P.M.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Guard from St. Bernard Commandery No. 12 for their splendid work here today.

We shall continue the system of having an Exemplification Team. It has proven itself to be beneficial to the Officers of every Commandery. We have an excellent Team

and I hope that you will take advantage of their service. Please give this team your whole hearted support. The first Exemplification will be at Holy Sepulchre Commandery on Oct. 28th. The following Commanderies are expected to attend at this first meeting: 1, 4, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 24, 25, 27, 29 and 48.

The following Commanderies are invited to attend as we were unable to arrange an exemplification in their District prior to their Inspections. No. 10, 23, 36, 39 and 46.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Grand Warder, will you locate the Chairman of the Credentials Committee and have him give me a report.

E. SIR WILLIAM TURNER: R. E. Sir, there are 224 registered and 44 Commanderies.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Grand Recorder, is there anything further to come before this Annual Conclave?

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Sir, there is nothing on my desk.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Grand Warder, you will inform the E. Grand Sentinel that I am about to adjourn this Grand Commandery.

(The Grand Sentinal was informed.)

E. SIR RALPH O. BALLENTINE: R. E. Grand Commander, your order has been obeyed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! Uncover! As you may know, I appointed E. Sir Arthur J. Phillips as Associate Grand Prelate and we have used him two or three times already today and again I am going to ask him to lead our devotions.

E. SIR ARTHUR J. PHILLIPS: Knowingly or unwittingly each man today responds to his mere Christlike impulses. In what we have done here today we have come as fellow architects with Thee in building a world house of brotherhood. Prosper our efforts, O Lord. Enhance the beauty of this edifice and expand its dimensions until the House of the Lord is established in the earth. Dismiss us with the comfort of Thy Presence and Thy Protecting Care. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Recover! I now declare the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned.

(The Grand Commandery was adjourned in form at 4:30 P.M.)

Courteously submitted,

George A. Weeks

Grand Recorder

NOTE: A full transcript of the Annual Conclave is on file in Grand Commandery Office.

October 1, 1960

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1
To Division Commanders and Eminent Commanders
Greetings:

Concerning our proposed Templar Parade this autumn you have already received communications dated June 2, August 15, and September 1, as well as printed circular for prompt mailing to your membership.

No less than 7 bands are already available.

The speaker will be Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, present Chancellor and past President of Boston University. There will be a church choir under direction of Henry M. Heald with Harry E. Rodgers, organist.

It is *imperative* that detailed plans for parade *formation*, and for seating in Boston Symphony Hall, be consummated at an early date. Final instructions should be *mailed* participating Commanderies by Monday, October 17, to assure elimination of confusion.

Therefore it is ordered and directed that the Commander of *each* of our 50 Commanderies advise the office of our Grand Recorder *forthwith*:

1. Whether or *not* your Commandery will participate and be ready to fall in at 2 *P.M.*, *on Sunday, Oct.* 23 on Arlington Street, Boston, at Beacon Street. Yes or No
2. The number of uniformed Sir Knights you expect to parade. Total:
3. If your Commandery will *not* march as a unit, will your officers and colors report? Yes or No
4. The name of a Past Commander for Staff of the Chief Marshal.
5. If you are a *Grand Commandery* officer will *you* be in line? Yes or No
6. *Immediate response* is imperative.

Courteously,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

October 10, 1960

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2
SERIES 1960-1961

ORGANIZATION FOR 1960-1961

Grand Commander, CLARENCE E. BOOTH
15 Cotton Street, Leominster, Mass.
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K. T.

Deputy Grand Commander, RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
18 Oak Avenue, Belmont, Mass.
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12 K. T.

Grand Generalissimo, WILLIAM F. WEST
84 Armington Street, Edgewood, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13 K. T.

Grand Captain General, LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
P. O. Box 2, New Boston, Mass.
Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K. T.

Grand Senior Warden, RUSSELL R. LONG
18 Vine Street, Saugus, Mass.
Olivet Commandery No. 36 K. T.

Grand Junior Warden, G. BURTON LONG
41 Longview Road, Reading, Mass.
Reading Commandery No. 50 K. T.

Grand Prelate, REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL
29 Winter Island Road, Salem, Mass.
Athol Commandery No. 37 K. T.

Associate Grand Prelates
REV. W. IRVING MONROE, JR.
Box 166 Peabody, Massachusetts
St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K. T.
EM. SIR RALPH E. NOBLE
45 Chandler Road, West Medford, Massachusetts
De Molay Commandery No. 7 K. T.
EM. SIR WILLIAM J. O'NEIL
108 Rowley St., Agawam, Massachusetts
Springfield Commandery No. 6 K. T.
Grand Treasurer, A. KENNETH MARTIN
96 Park Avenue, South Weymouth, Mass.
South Shore Commandery No. 31 K. T.
Grand Recorder, GEORGE A. WEEKS
Room 450 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston St., Boston
St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K. T.
Grand Standard Bearer, HERMAN C. MCSTAY
74 Fuller Avenue, Swampscott, Mass.
Boston Commandery No. 2 K. T.
Grand Sword Bearer, GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.
67 Governor Road, Stoneham, Mass.
Hugh de Payens No. 20 K. T.
Grand Warder, CHARLES D. HARRINGTON
69 Westminster Ave., Arlington, Mass.
Boston Commandery No. 2 K. T.
Grand Captain of the Guard, GORDON C. PLAYER
14 Summer Street, Ipswich, Mass.
Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K. T.
Grand Sentinel, CLARENCE R. DAVIS
27 Kilgore Avenue, West Medford, Mass.
De Molay Commandery No. 7 K. T.
Division Commander—6th Division, NORMAN L. STAVELEY
37 Glen Avenue, Chelmsford, Mass.
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 K. T.
Division Commander—7th Division, JACK RICHARD BAKER
60 Bent Road, Rumford, R. I.
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K. T.
Inspector Instructor, THOMAS C. BROWN
365 Auburn Street, Cranston, R. I.
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K. T.

TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

E. SIR HUBERT N. BERNARD, JR., 1961, *Chairman*
R. E. SIR JOHN E. RINES, 1962
E. SIR ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE, 1963
R. E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH, *ex-officio*
R. E. SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN, *ex-officio*

COMMITTEES 1960-1961

Jurisprudence
E. Sir Louis L. Green, *Chairman*
E. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson
E. Sir George B. Rowell
R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
E. Sir Ralph W. Copeland

Finance
E. Sir Edward Norris, 1962
R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle, 1963
E. Sir Harold A. Budreau, 1961, *Chairman*

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E. Sir Clarence R. Davis, *Chairman*, 1960
E. Sir Robert E. Powell, 1961
V. E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass, 1962
R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague, 1963
E. Sir S. Kenneth Skolfield, 1964
R. E. Sir Clarence E. Booth
R. E. Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*

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R. E. Sir Harold S. Crooker, *Chairman*
R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson
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E. Sir William Turner, *Chairman*
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R. E. Sir George A. Weeks

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Rev. and E. Sir Frank B. Crandall
Rev. and E. Sir W. Irving Monroe, Jr.
E. Sir Ralph E. Noble
E. Sir William J. O'Neil

Christmas Offering and Good Cheer
R. E. Sir George A. Weeks, *Chairman*
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E. Sir Elmer H. Robinson
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R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy
E. Sir Prescott W. Eaton

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E. Sir Thomas C. Brown

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E. Sir William F. Raymond
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E. Sir Malcolm Smith
E. Sir Everett Farr

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R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson, *Chairman*
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R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., *General Chairman*
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E. Sir Arnold C. White, *Co-Chairman for Rhode Island*
E. Sir William F. Clarke, *Director Coordination with Royal Arch Chapter*
E. Sir J. LeRoy Jones, *Director Progress and Publicity*, 20 Pilgrim Way, E. Walpole, Mass.

Deputy Grand Warders
E. Sir Ralph O. Ballentine
E. Sir Saunders W. Spooner
E. Sir Gerald F. D. Reichley
E. Sir Shepard L. Jewett
E. Sir Albert E. C. Carpenter
E. Sir William A. Odell
E. Sir Leonard H. Hoft
E. Sir James P. McCormick
E. Sir William A. Weiss
E. Sir James A. Jennings

Exemplifications
E. Sir Thomas C. Brown, *Inspector Instructor Chairman*

Boston, Mass., October 1, 1960

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
Series 1960-1961

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Greetings to all Sir Knights in Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

You have been advised, and considerable interest has been evidenced in the proposed Knights Templar Parade and Memorial Church Service

to be held in Symphony Hall, Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday afternoon, October 23, 1960.

Public appearances have unfortunately been few and far between, and the time has come, Sir Knights, when we should stand up and be counted.

For many years, our Commanderies participated in the Annual Church Services held in Lynn, Massachusetts. Special services have been held in various cities in our Grand Jurisdiction—many of us remember the Grand Commandery Ascension Sunday Parade and Memorial Service held on May 28, 1950 which was considered the *largest* Knights Templar Parade held in New England in recent years. THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO!

The proposed Parade on Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, 1960 is a Grand Commandery Project—all Commanderies will be expected to turn out their total available strength in FULL TEMPLAR UNIFORM. Every Commander is urgently requested to assure, as a minimum, the presence of Officers and Standards. PRIDE IN YOUR COMMANDERY SHOULD AT LEAST UNFURL YOUR COLORS IN THIS PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF 20TH CENTURY CRUSADERS!

This notice is your initial "call to the colors" to show the public that Templars are true followers of the Cross.

Each Commanders is requested to ascertain promtply the degree of loyal Templar support in your Commandery. It is difficult for your newly elected Grand Commander to believe that the proud, militant spirit of New England Templary is dead! This can well be the acid test of Templar loyalty in your individual Commandery! Your response determines whether the banners of *your* Commandery will be raised on high on Sunday, October 23rd, 1960, or remain unfurled in your Armory.

Complete details will be issued later.

Given under my hand the Seal of this Grand Commandery this first day of October 1960, A.O. 842.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

FORMATION OF PARADE

Each DIVISION COMMANDER is responsible for his *Division*. Report not later than 1:45 P. M. at post.

Each COMMANDERY, plus your BAND, is to be ready to march by 2:25 P. M. *Report* ALL READY to Marshal. Cooperate and BE a Division COMMANDER.

Each EMINENT COMMANDER is responsible for his *Commandery*. Report not later than 2:00 P. M. to Division Commander the number of Sir Knights in unit. BE a Commander.

Interval between Divisions: 25 paces; interval between Commanderies: 12 paces.

Division Formation:

Division Commander alone, 25 paces behind division head.
Deputy Grand Warder (one pace to left, one pace to rear).
Band (6 paces to rear of Warden)
Em. Commander of 1st Commandery, alone (12 paces rear of band).
Generalissimo and Captain General, together (2 paces to rear, one pace to left and right).

Past Commanders (2 paces to rear).
Sir Knights in threes or multiples of threes (3 paces to rear).
Arrange in Column, or by Divisions, as desired, colors *together*, where desired.
Prelate, Treasurer and Recorder in ranks, unless Past Commanders.

Uniform requires *black* shoes and *black* trousers, white gloves.

N.B.—ONLY uniformed Sir Knights parade.

Location to report by 2 *P. M.* Parade STARTS at 2:30 P. M.

I. *On* ARLINGTON STREET, with head of Parade *at* Commonwealth Avenue (outbound), extending back on Arlington Street to Marlboro St.

1. Police.
2. Chief Marshal and Staff.
3. *Aleppo Temple Shrine Band.*
4. Aleppo Temple *Shrine Petrol* escort.
5. Grand Commander and Warder; Grand Commandery Officers (except Division Commanders).
6. Grand Commandery Standard in open car.
7. Grand Senior Warden; D. G. Warder; and *First Division*: Commanderies 2, 3, 5, 6, 7.

II. *On Marlboro Street*, with head of Second Division at Arlington Junior Gr. Warden; D.G. Warder; *Gardner High School Band;* Second Division Commanderies 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

III. On *outbound* side *Commonwealth Ave.* (on grass plot) with Head of Third Division *at* Arlington St.

1. Grand Standard Bearer; D.G. Warder; *Melha Temple Shrine Band;* Third Division Commanderies 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21.
2. Opposite No. 16 Commonwealth Ave. (Behind Third Division) Grand Sword Bearer; D.G. Warder; *Palestine Temple Shrine Band;* Fourth Division Commanderies 22, 24, 26, 27, 29.

IV. On *inbound* side *Commonwealth Ave.* (on grass plot) with Head of Fifth Division *at* Arlington Street.

1. Grand Capt. of Guard; D.G. Warder; *Saugus DeMolay Band;* Fifth Division Commanderies 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.
2. Opposite No. 9 Commonwealth Ave. (on grass plot) to rear of Fifth Division Commander of Sixth Division; D.G. Warder; *Blue Belles Highlanders* Band; Sixth Division Commanderies: 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43.
3. Opposite No. 21 Commonwealth Ave. (on grass plot) rear of Sixth Division; Commander of 7th Division; D.G. Warder; *Portland Commandery Band;* 7th Division Commanderies: 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, and all visiting Sir Knights.

On arrival at Symphony Hall at junction of Huntington Ave. and Massachusetts Ave.

1. ALL BANDS and SHRINE PATROL, *cross* Mass. Ave. *on Huntington* Ave.

2. *ALL* uniformed SIR KNIGHTS, turn *right* on *Mass. Ave.* to enter hall by *Mass. Ave.* entrance.

No tickets required. *Uniformed* men will be seated in orchestra; *ladies* in *balcony;* Grand Commandery Officers and Choir on stage. *Ladies* enter by Huntington Ave. entrance ONLY.

In case of heavy rain, go direct to Symphony Hall, ceremonies will be held.

For INFORMATION on day of Parade, up to 1:45 P. M., call HAncock 6-1973.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.,
Chief Marshal.

August 1, 1960

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
Series 1959-1960

To the Eminent Commanders, Division Commanders and Marking Officers:

Re: *TACTICS*

Sir Knights:

At the meeting of the INSPECTION AND TACTICS COMMITTEE of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island held in Grand Commandery Headquarters on Wednesday, June 29, 1960, the following RULES and CHANGES were made in the TACTICS:

No. 1—Page 67 LAST 2 LINES. THE COLOR AND STANDARD BEARERS REMAIN AT "CARRY SWORDS" UNTIL THE STAFF HAS PASSED, THEN COME TO "ORDER SWORDS."

No. 2—Page 86. INSPECTING OFFICER RETIRES.

INSP. OFF: COMMANDERY ATTENTION.

INSP. OFF: EMINENT COMMANDER, and etc. (C hd sal, Insp. Off. hd sal), HAVING COMPLETED MY INSPECTION DUTIES, I WILL RETIRE WITH MY SUITE. (C hd sal, Insp. Off. hd sal).

C: (commands) S. K. SW BR (Sw Br hd sal, C hd sal), FORM THE SECOND DIVISION. (Sw Br sal, C hd sal).

SW BR: (commands) SECOND DIVISION, FALL IN, RIGHT DRESS, FRONT, DRAW SWORDS. (Sw Br does not report to the C).

C: (commands without waiting for the 2nd Division to be formed) S. K. GEN. (G. hd sal, C hd sal), FORM THE COMMITTEE AND ESCORT THE INSPECTING OFFICER FROM THE ASYLUM. (G hd sal, C hd sal).

GEN: (commands) COMMITTEE, FALL IN.

C: (commands) S. K. CAPT. GEN. (CG hd sal, C hd sal), FORM AN ESCORT FOR THE COMMITTEE (CG hd sal, C hd sal).

CG: (dra swd) (commands) S.K. Cp.Gd., (Cp Gd hd sal, CG swd sal), FORM THE ESCORT. (Cp Gd hd sal, CG swd sal), (CG returns sword).

Cp. Gd: (commands) ESCORT, FALL IN, RIGHT, DRESS: FRONT: COUNT TWOS: DRAW SWORDS.

INSP. OFF: (Commands) DEPUTY GRAND WARDER (DGW hd sal, INSP. OFF. hd sal). FORM THE SUITE (DGW hd sal, INSP. OFF. hd sal).

DGW: (dra swd) (commands) SUITE FALL IN.

No. 3—*IT WAS FURTHER VOTED, THAT NO NEW CHANGES SHALL BE MADE IN THE TACTICS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.*

It is my ORDER that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records. THESE RULES AND CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this first day of August 1960.

Courteously yours,

ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
Grand Commander

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

INSPECTION AND TACTICS COMMITTEE

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Boston, Mass., October 18, 1960

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
Series 1960-1961

To the Eminent Commander, Recorders and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery K. T.:

Greetings:

From a "Flyer" enclosed with a recently printed Conclave Notice, which was enclosed with one of our Constituent Commandery's Notice, your Grand Commander is left no other alternative than to issue the following *ORDER*:

DURING ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, NO CANDIDATE FOR ANY POLITICAL OFFICE IS TO BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK AT ANY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CONCLAVE, OR DINNER, OR AT ANY ACTIVITY.

NOR IS ANYONE TO SPEAK IN ANY CANDIDATE'S BEHALF AT A KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CONCLAVE OR FUNCTION.

This OFFICIAL ORDER to be read at the Head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand the SEAL of this Grand Commandery K. T. on the 18th day of October 1960, A.O. 842.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

January 23, 1961

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 4
Series 1960-1961

To the Eminent Commanders:

Eminent Sirs:

You have been advised that the Presiding Councils Club has answered my call for assistance in sending a Drill Team to Cleveland, Ohio in August, to participate in the competitive drills at the Triennial Conclave.

It is my firm belief that the formation of Commandery Drill Teams do much to build "esprit de corps." They will enliven interest in social activities and in the semi-military part of our work. They will interest the younger Sir Knights and create interest in the "back in uniform" movement recommended by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

It is my desire that each Commandery take immediate steps to form a Drill Team. Nothing would please me more than to see many teams competing at the Grand Commander's Ball to be held in the

ballroom of Statler Hilton Hotel Saturday, April 15, 1961. It is my wish that the team winning this competition be sent to Cleveland, Ohio.

I ask you, Sir Knights, to get behind the Presiding Council Club and their project, to send the best team available to Cleveland to show the Sir Knights at the Triennial that the oldest Grand Commandery in Grand Encampment is ready to stand up and be counted by taking part in these Triennial demonstrations and thus show the world we are the true followers of the Cross.

It is my Order that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on this the 23rd day of January, 1961.

Courteously yours,
CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

PLEASE ADVISE THE GRAND RECORDER *AT ONCE* THAT YOU WILL:

Consider forming a Drill Team.....

How many men in Team.....

That you will have a Drill Team complete at the Grand Commander's Ball.....

February 14, 1961

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 5
Series 1960-1961

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

The large number of demits and suspensions granted each year by our Commanderies has been a matter of serious concern for some time, not only in our Jurisdiction, but nationally. It is discouraging to note the number of Conclave Notices that carry the appeal for payment of dues or action on delinquents. This situation has caused your Grand Commander to give serious thought to ways and means to avoid the increasing number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Various attempts have been made over the years to improve this condition, but have met with comparatively little success. Last year we demitted 149 and suspended 110, or a total net loss of 259 members. Too many suspensions are granted with little or no investigation being made to determine why a man has become several years in arrears. In many cases, elderly and infirm members have been suspended who were simply financially unable to pay their dues but failed to make their circumstances known, and to many who had been faithful members for a number of years their suspensions came as crushing blows.

Do you recall the phrase "That I will go to the distance of forty miles, even barefoot and on frozen ground, to relieve the distress of a worthy Sir Knight"? Do we do this when we suspend a Sir Knight without due consideration? It is my desire that before you suspend any member you find out just why he is in arrears. If you find he is financially unable to pay his dues, your Commandery can vote to remit

them and take his dues out of its Charity or Relief Fund. Some Commanderies have done this for years and ALL SHOULD DO SO. I know of no better use which can be made of Charity Funds than to pay the dues of the elderly, infirm and needy members of the Commandery.

It is therefore my ORDER that Section No. 207 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knight Templar of the USA be strictly adhered to. It is also my ORDER that each Commandery send a report to the Grand Commandery Office on each member, with his case history, who is being considered for suspension for non-payment of dues. The report will be carefully supervised by your Grand Commander for the purpose of aiding the Commandery in handling the case, should assistance be desirable. The Commandery should postpone final action on the case until advice is received from the Grand Commander.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery this 14th day of February 1961, A.O. 843.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

November 10, 1960

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 1
Series 1960-1961

To the Eminent Commanders nad Recorders:

Sir Knights:

I have been instructed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander Clarence E. Booth to notify you that his attention has been called to the fact that Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction either have been or contemplate dividing the Work of the ORDER OF THE TEMPLE between two evenings.

The Grand Commander is strongly of the opinion that whether or not any specific Grand Encampment Statute or Decision specifically covers this subject that Grand Encampment will not permit it, and the Ritual Committee feels that it is highly inadvisable to divide the Work of any Masonic Degrees—Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery—between two evenings.

An Order was mailed covering this subject on April 10, 1950.

The Grand Commander orders that there be no further division of the Work between two evenings. So that there can be no question as to the Grand Commander's Order, we refer to

DECISION No. 85 (Const. Sec. 39)

"The decisions of a Grand Commander are law as soon as known."

(1877, p. 65, No. 30. Hopkins, G.M.)

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

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Boston, Mass., December 7th, 1960

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 2
Series 1960-1961

To the Grand Commandery Officers and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

Due to the sudden death of Right Eminent Sir John E. Rines, one of the Trustees of the Grand Fund of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, I have this day, December 7th, 1960, appointed Right Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., to fill out the unexpired term of R. E. John E. Rines, which term expires in October, 1962.

The above appointment is made in accordance with SECTION 48—Item B of the Constitution, Statutes(Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies and Forms of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S. A.

Section 48—Item b: "To appoint all Committees and all Officers not made elective, and to fill all vacancies, such appointees to serve during his pleasure or until their successors have been elected and installed."

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

CEB/df

April 18, 1961

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 3
Series 1960-1961

To the Grand Commandery Officers and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

The question has arisen in Grand Commandery Office in regard to making HONORARY MEMBERS of members in your own Commandery.

This question arose in DeMolay Commandery No. 7 in January 1951, and our Grand Recorder referred this question to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A., and we are attaching hereto his decision on this matter.

The Grand Master's Ruling does not prohibit the making of an honorary member of another Commandery—this is covered in the Regulations and Constitution of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment K. T.:

ARTICLE 20—Section 6 Constitution and Regulations of Grand Commandery.

Section 198—Constitution and Statutes of Grand Encampment.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

CEB/df

January 25, 1951

SIR KNIGHT GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear Sir Knight Weeks:

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY—HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Replying to yours of 19th inst., addressed to the Grand Recorder and just received with its accompanying letter from the Recorder of De Molay Commandery:

For a Commandery to confer an honorary membership, on one of its own active members, and with no release from payment of dues, is a somewhat anomalous procedure, but I am glad to consider it on the merits, assuming that a Commandery has jurisdiction to confer such a title.

Decision 122 of the Digest does not materially bear upon the situation, in view of the fact that the By-laws of the Commandery itself provide that honorary membership confers no exemption from dues. The By-laws are material only in this respect—a By-law is effective only if it is permissible under Grand Encampment requirements.

Disregarding the anomaly of this particular form of honorary recognition, I am personally sympathetic with the desire of the Commandery to adopt some appropriate form for recognition. However, under the decisions I do not feel that I can with propriety rule that conferring such a title is permissible.

I have for several years differed in opinion with the existing rulings on the subject of honorary titles. In an effort to partly clarify the situation, I introduced a resolution in 1946 which will be found on page 12 of the proceedings and the committee report on which is found on page 213. This resolution was subsequently considered in 1949 and the committee report is found at page 554 of the 1949 proceedings. It was again postponed for a report by the Jurisprudence Committee in 1962.

Grand Master Orr's decision in 1946 prohibited the conferring of any titles, honorary or otherwise, except such as are specifically named in the Encampment law. His two lengthy decisions upon the subject will be found at pages 75 and 89 of the 1946 proceedings.

Personally I am diametrically at variance with his conclusion, both as to its wisdom and as to its propriety. Under the existing situation, however, I do not at present feel justified in disregarding those decisions; they were approved by the Grand Encampment.

I believe that very few Knights and very few jurisdictions recognize the far reaching effect of these decisions and the dictum in the decisions upon which they primarily are based. At the present time there are several hundred officers of both Commanderies and Grand Commanderies throughout the jurisdictions who have been illegally elected or appointed to office, who illegally occupy office and assume titles, and in connection with which a large number of Knights are technically subject to discipline by the Grand Encampment for violating Grand Encampment law.

This is a situation which I hope to clarify at the coming Triennial, presumptively by presenting two alternative courses, (1) a pro forma reversal of the existing decisions of the Grand Encampment and (2) proposing specific legislation clarifying the situation. I hope to be able ot present the entire matter in such a way that there will be neither uncertainty in the future nor violation of what on its face is the present Grand Encampment law.

However, with the law as it stands, I feel that it would be inappropriate for me to render a decision reversing at least three prior decisions approved by the Grand Encampment. The only justification for that procedure is for the purpose of definitely presenting the subject matter to the Grand Encampment; the Jurisprudence Committee having ruled (in 1949 with Grand Encampment approval) that legislation is not the proper procedure for reversing a rule promulgated by the Grand Master and that the appropriate approach is a subsequent reversal of that ruling. I can reconcile this procedure to propriety only by promulgating such ruling immediaetly prior to the next Triennial Conclave; I do not think I am justified in doing so for the relief of the present situation in De Molay Commandery.

Even if I were disposed to make a present ruling, I would be disinclined to do so in order to permit the anomalous election of an active member to honorary membership with the doubtful privilege of continuing to pay his dues as an active member. If the ruling is made, it will be accompanied by a concurrently presented alternative of adopting affirmative legislation upon the subject of officers, honorary titles, etc.

For the reasons and with the explanation above stated, I feel that I must disapprove the action contemplated under the By-laws of De Molay Commandery.

Courteously and sincerely,

ROBERT B. GAYLORD
Grand Master

sy *
c.c. Sir Knight J. R. Moulthrop
1249 Russ Building
San Francisco, California

* Copy is enclosed which you may forward to De Molay Commandery if desired.

April 20, 1961

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 4
To the Grand Commandery Officers and Eminent Commanders

Dear Eminent Sirs:

It is not too late to take advantage of the opportunity to bring your Candidates to Haverhill Commandery No. 14 on Saturday, April 29, 1961, to witness impressive renditions of the Illustrious Orders of the Red Cross and Malta in Full and Dramatic Form by De Molay and Haverhill Commanderies. This is a Joint Conclave, and your Grand Commander and his Officers are 100% behind the undertaking and request all 50 Commanderies, if they have available Candidates to take them to Haverhill so that the success of this Joint Conclave may be assured.

Registration will be from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. The Order of the Red Cross will start at 4:00 P.M. in Full and Dramatic Form by De Molay Commandery No. 7, under the direction of Em. Sir John J. Mick. A special Pot Roast Dinner will be served by the Gracious Ladies of the Eastern Star at 6:00 P.M. At 7:15 P.M., the Order of the Malta will be dramatized by Haverhill Commandery No. 14, under the direction of Em. Sir Raymond S. Seaver.

The only cost is for the dinner. Tickets are $2:25 each, and firm reservations, accompanied by a check, must be made in advance with Em. Sir Mark Mavrofrides, 28 Bailey Street, Haverhill—Telephone: DRake 2-1106, as Haverhill Commandery cannot undertake to guarantee dinners for those who have not made definite reservations.

This meeting will enable you to work the Order of the Temple in your own Commandery before you close for the summer. "IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK". My slogan this year is: "Knight every Candidate"—one extra knighting may mean the difference in a gain or loss when you make your official report to Grand Commandery on June 30th, 1961. I sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity of giving your Candidates their money's worth by taking them to Haverhill on Saturday, April 29th. My final admonition and request is: "Knight every Candidate before closing, as Masonry in all its branches is fighting for survival against Communistic forces."

So ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

May 9 1961

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 6
SERIES 1960-1961

To The Eminent Commanders:

Sir Knights:

"It is later than you think". But still not to late to get that additional Petition and have your candidate worked before you close for the summer. If you need a dispensation to Receive and Ballot at a Special Conclave or Receive and Ballot at a Stated Conclave, all you have to do is make your request known to Grand Commandery office and I will be pleased to grant the dispensation.

For your information, Reading Commandery No. 50, Reading, Mass., will hold a Business Mens Class on Saturday, June 10th when the Orders of the Red Cross, Malta and Temple will be worked in one day.

Holy Sepulchre No. 8 Pawtucket, Rhode Island will work the Orders of Red Cross, Malta, and Temple in one day on Saturday, June 10th.

Boston Commandery No. 2 Boston, will work the Orders of Red Cross and Malta on Monday, June 19th and the Order of the Temple on Wednesday, June 21st. If you have candidates pending why not take advantage of these dates.

My slogan this year is "Knight every Candidate before closing in June", it is only by your number of Knightings on your Official Returns of June 30, that will show if your Commandery shows a net Gain or Loss.

We will need 100 candidates in June to show a net gain. Last year 124 petitioners were not Knighted and the result was only a net gain of 20. This Grand Commandery has shown a net gain since 1944. We do not want a loss this year.

My order is "Knight Every Candidate", for only by supporting our slogan "In Hoc Signo Vinces" can Templary hope to show net gains. The determination is yours and mine to make. I ask your co-operation.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

May 5, 1961

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 5
SERIES 1960-1961

To The Recorders *Re: NEW TACTICS*

Sir Knights:

I have been directed by the TACTICS COMMITTEE of this Grand Commandery K.T. to notify you that the NEW TACTICS will be ready for distribution during the summer vacation period (in order that your Officers can familiarize themselves with new changes).

For your information, one book of Tactics will be given to each Commandery for the exclusive use of the Commander, and this copy remains the property of Grand Commandery.

The Committee has endeavored to keep the cost of the NEW TACTICS the same as the Revised Tactics issued in April 1946—namely, $2.00 per copy.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, hopes that each Constituent Commandery will want to order at least 10 copies of the NEW TACTICS—one for each Ritual holder —also that they will want to own these books outright (as in the past). Therefore, should you want to purchase 10 copies, a check for $20.00 may be sent direct to Grand Commandery Office—additional copies may be purchased, if desired, at $2.00 per copy.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

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To George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder
405 Masonic Temple, Boston 16, Mass.

Enclosed please find check for $..... for which you will purchase .....copies of the Tactics for the undersigned.

Name: ..... Title: .....
..... Commandery No. .....

August 1, 1961

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 7
SERIES 1960-1961

To: ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE 1961 *TACTICS*

Sir Knights:

It has been called to the attention of the TACTICS COMMITTEE that in the printing of the NEW EDITION OF THE TACTICS issued in 1961 that there are a couple of typographical errors and omissions, particularly on Page 38 and 48 which had been eliminated because they applied to Ritual and not Tactics and for clarification should be inserted.

Please make the following *corrections* and *additions*:

Page 26—Eliminate Line 18. It is a duplicate of Line 17.

Page 38—After Line 35—Insert — J.W. — "R u abl — dspsn." See Ritual—Page 101.

Page 48—Eliminate Lines 10 thru 14. Change Line 15 to read—S.W.: "Now . . . vint T." See Ritual—Page 108.

Page 55—Lines 18 thru 28 apply ONLY to Commanderies using 3 Man Divisions

Page 59—Line 29—Eliminate "Sir Knight" and insert "Em. (or R.Em.)".

NOTE: Stickers are being printed and will be mailed to each Recorder as soon as ready to be inserted on the fly-sheet in the front of each Tactics.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

GAW/df

September 1, 1961

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 8
SERIES 1960-1961

To The Recorders *Re: UNIFORMS*

Sir Knights:

This is to advise you that there was no change made in the Uniforms at the 48th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U.S.A., held in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 21st-17th, 1961.

The Report of the Committee on Uniforms was referred for further study and to report at the next Triennial Conclave to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1964.

I know that many of our Constituent Commanderies are vitally interested in the Uniform situation, but until further action has been taken by the Grand Encampment, or our own Constitution has been changed, NO CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE IN OUR UNIFORM REGULATIONS.

Re: Lend Lease on COMMANDERY RITUALS

The Report of the Committee on Ritual, by Sir Knight Louis Heger, at the Triennial Conclave, brought forth what many feel was the most constructive legislation at the Triennial. What was finally enacted was a compromise and will be up for re-examination three years hence. It was proposed to divide the Ritual into three separate ritual—the Malta, Red Cross, and the Temple, which would make for a wider distribution among the loyal workers in our Commanderies. This seemed impossible on short notice, so in order to comply with the present Statutes, up to nine additional Rituals will be made available to each Constituent Commandery on a deposit of $10.00 per copy.

As we understand it, this means that any Commandery with $90.00 can secure ON LOAN nine additional Rituals and anytime they wish to turn them back, they will receive their money back. Although the rules and forms for this arrangement are not yet available, it does look like it was a step in the right direction.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE E. BOOTH
Grand Commander

Attest:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

February 11. 1961

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 1
SERIES 1960-1961

To The Grand Commandery Officers and Recorders

Re: Easter Sunrise Service

Greetings:

Enclosed find a reproduced letter sent by the Committee on Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

I have been directed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, to advise you that it is his desire that you carry on your Stated Conclave Notices as follows:-

"The Thirty-first Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service will be held in the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, April 2, 1961. The assembly in full Templar uniform will begin at 6:50 o'clock Sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Fort Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:00 A.M., for the march to the Amphitheatre.
Tickets may be procured from Sir Kt. Raymond N. Babcock, P.G.C., Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C."

Division Commanders will give the above date all possible publicity in their Divisions.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

GAW/df

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Raymond N. Babcock, P. G. C., (D. C.), Chairman Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C.
Lloyd O. Miller, G. C., (D. C.), Vice-Chairman

January 23, 1961

To Grand Encampment Officers and Committeemen, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders:

Arrangements are being made for the thirty-first Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be held under the auspices of the Grand Encampment. The Service will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m., in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, April 2, 1961. The assembly in full Templar uniform will begin at 7:00 o'clock sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Fort Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 a.m., for the march to the Amphitheater.

The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers will conclude the Service. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and arrangements are being made to have the Service broadcast or televised on a nation-wide network. The address on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. Phil Porter, D.D.,

Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment and an excellent speaker.

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate, *and the Committee especially requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your jurisdiction.* More and more Knights in uniform from the various Grand Commanderies are making the pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., to attend this Service at Easter Time. Reserved seats will be provided for those accompanying you not in uniform upon request.

The Committee will be happy to make any hotel reservations for Sir Knights in uniform and their party at the Washington and Willard Hotels, but I must urge that you advise us as early as possible as hotel accommodations are at a premium during this season.

After the Service the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast (about 9:00 a.m.) for the Sir Knights and their ladies, at the Willard Hotel, next door to the Washington Hotel. Tickets are $2.50 each, and we shall be glad to send you tickets if you will forward to the Committee your check for the required amount made payable to Rodger R. Kauffman, Grand Recorder.

Looking forward to greeting you and as many of your Sir Knights as can possibly be present, I am,

Courteously yours,

RAYMOND N. BABCOCK
Chairman

ADDENDA

Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.....May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK .....June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA .....Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT .....June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE .....June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT .....Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO .....Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY .....Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE .....May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA .....April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA .....May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS .....Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI .....Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN .....April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS .....Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA .....Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE .....Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN .....Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY .....Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA .....April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI .....May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA .....Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA .....Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA .....June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA .....Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS .....Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND .....Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA .....Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS .....Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA .....Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO .....Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA .....May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA .....May 14, 1884
34. OREGON .....April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON .....June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING .....Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA .....May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA .....June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA .....Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA .....Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY .....Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA .....Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO .....Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO .....Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA .....Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH .....April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA .....April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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New Hampshire	Charles H. Cheney	92 N. State St., Concord
New Jersey	Malcolm F. Van Dien	RD 2, Newfoundland, N.J.
New Mexico	Elmer H. Riemen	P. O. Box 1375, Roswell
New York	Walter A. DeLamater	30 E. Market St., Rhinebeck
North Carolina	Charles C. Ricker	80 Broadway, Asheville
North Dakota	Albert G. Tverberg	Grafton
Ohio	Robert J. Hackett	611 W. Market St., Akron
Oklahoma	James A. Lathim	Masonic Temple, Muskogee
Oregon	Richard H. Tusant	1119 S.W. Park, Portland
Pennsylvania	John W. Laird	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7
South Carolina	Henry F. Collins	901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbus
South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	Thomas Earl Doss	Box 216, Nashville 2
Texas	Harry B. Tuer	708 Wilson Bldg., Dallas
Utah	Bert Atwater	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington
Virginia	Carl Frank Wood	P. O. Box 546, Petersburg
Washington	Clifford L. Evans	254 Olympia Nat'l Bldg., 914 2nd Ave., Seattle 4
West Virginia	Robert H. Bowlby	Box 637, Morgantown
Wisconsin	Earl B. Bauer	207 E. Mich. St., Milwaukee 2
Wyoming	Frederick Sims	Masonic Temple, Casper

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Members	Date of Inspection	Mark	Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	114	2	26	142	7.00	140.00	Feb. 6, 1961	9+	Russell R. Long
Boston	2	296	7	52	355	10.00	150.00	Jan. 18, 1961	10−	Russell R. Long
Newburyport	3	128	8	45	181	10.00	150.00	Jan. 19, 1961	10−	Russell R. Long
Washington	4	30	1	15	46	6.00	90.00	May 17, 1961	9	Russell R. Long
Worcester County	5	184	2	25	211	10.00	200.00	Apr. 13, 1961	10−	Russell R. Long
Springfield	6	69	8	25	102	10.00	150.00	May 29, 1961	9	Russell R. Long
De Molay	7	222	4	44	270	10.00	150.00	Nov. 23, 1960	10−	Russell R. Long
Holy Sepulchre	8	108	15	44	167	10.00	200.00	Mar. 24, 1961	10−	G. Burton Long
Pilgrim	9	88	21	32	141	11.00	165.00	Jan. 17, 1961	10−	G. Burton Long
Palestine	10	52	4	23	79	10.00	150.00	Nov. 9, 1960	10−	G. Burton Long
Milford	11	46	5	24	75	9.00	135.00	Apr. 25, 1961	9+	G. Burton Long
St. Bernard	12	44	1	9	54	40.00	750.00	Feb. 8, 1961	9+	G. Burton Long
Calvary	13	136	2	31	169	9.00	180.00	Mar. 21, 1961	10−	G. Burton Long
Haverhill	14	130	8	44	182	8.00	120.00	Apr. 11, 1961	10−	G. Burton Long
Old Colony	15	49	8	27	84	5.00	75.00	Nov. 28, 1960	9+	Herman C. McStay
Sutton	16	199	17	39	255	7.00	105.00	Dec. 1, 1960	10−	Herman C. McStay
Bethany	17	40	10	15	65	10.00	150.00	Apr. 24, 1961	9+	George C. Patton, Jr.
Winslow Lewis	18	66	4	36	106	8.00	160.00	Feb. 16, 1961	9	Herman C. McStay
Jerusalem	19	102	14	42	168	10.00	150.00	Apr. 20, 1961	10−	Clarence E. Booth
Hugh De Payens	20	169	4	46	229	9.00	135.00	Apr. 12, 1961	10−	Herman C. McStay
St. Omer	21	78	2	14	94	9.00	120.00	Jan. 16, 1961	9+	Herman C. McStay
Berkshire	22	90	1	41	132	6.00	90.00	Apr. 10, 1961	10−	George C. Patton, Jr.
Connecticut Valley	23	43	8	23	74	7.00	105.00	Nov. 1, 1960	9++	George C. Patton, Jr.
Woonsocket	24	47	8	25	80	9.00	75.00	Feb. 14, 1961	9+	George C. Patton, Jr.
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	41	3	24	68	7.00	150.00	Mar. 15, 1961	9−	George C. Patton, Jr.
Joseph Warren	26	41	0	20	61	10.00	150.00	Mar. 6, 1961	9+	George C. Patton, Jr.
Narragansett	27	59	0	19	78	5.00	75.00	Mar. 1, 1961	10−	George C. Patton, Jr.
Bristol	29	98	7	49	154	6.00	90.00	Feb. 3, 1961	10−	George C. Patton, Jr.
Northampton	30	40	10	20	70	8.00	120.00	Jan. 18, 1961	9+	Gordon C. Player
South Shore	31	52	3	27	82	8.00	120.00	Mar. 24, 1961	9++	Clarence E. Booth
Trinity	32	49	0	4	53	6.00	150.00	Apr. 19, 1961	9+	Gordon C. Player
Natick	33	89	10	57	156	6.00	90.00	Mar. 13, 1961	10−	Gordon C. Player
Coeur De Lion	34	132	16	54	202	7.00	105.00	Feb. 15, 1961	10−	Gordon C. Player
Gethsemane	35	148	9	33	190	12.00	180.00	Feb. 28, 1961	10−	Gordon C. Player
Olivet	36	126	3	32	161	7.00	150.00	Nov. 10, 1961	9+	Norman L. Staveley
Athol	37	54	11	27	92	6.00	90.00	Mar. 8, 1961	10−	Norman L. Staveley
Bay State	38	146	9	44	199	7.00	175.00	Nov. 21, 1960	9+	Norman L. Staveley
Cyprus	39	38	3	24	65	7.00	105.00	Dec. 22, 1960	9	Norman L. Staveley
St. Paul	40	41	7	44	92	10.00	150.00	May 12, 1961	9	Norman L. Staveley
Beauseant	41	95	9	34	138	8.00	128.00	Feb. 27, 1961	10−	Norman L. Staveley
Cambridge	42	45	8	30	83	10.00	200.00	Mar. 28, 1961	9++	Norman L. Staveley
Bethlehem	43	42	3	18	63	10.00	150.00	Dec. 21, 1960	9+	Norman L. Staveley
Orange	45	38	18	40	96	7.00	90.00	Feb. 24, 1961	9++	Jack Richard Baker
Ivanhoe	46	93	23	40	156	7.00	105.00	Nov. 3, 1960	10−	Jack Richard Baker
Quincy	47	84	8	31	123	12.00	180.00	Mar. 27, 1961	9+	Jack Richard Baker
Temple	48	53	3	46	102	6.00	120.00	Dec. 8, 1960	9+	Jack Richard Baker
St. Andrew	49	62	5	25	92	7.00	105.00	Apr. 17, 1961	9+	Jack Richard Baker
Reading	50	132	30	83	245	10.00	200.00	Jan. 9, 1961	10−	Jack Richard Baker
Thomas Smith Webb	51	66	10	50	126	10.00	150.00	Nov. 18, 1960	10−	Jack Richard Baker
Sir Galahad	52	50	0	28	78	8.00	120.00	Feb. 20, 1961	9	Jack Richard Baker

* Due to fire damage no inspection held.
† No mark given.

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Stated Conclave	Election of Officers	Annual Conclave	Installation
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
DeMolay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	June	June
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
*William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870				
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	April 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Medford, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	2nd Thurs.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	June	June	
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
†St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1892				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
‡Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	June 21, 1924				

* Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 21, 1940.
† Charter arrested July 17, 1945.
‡ Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 20, 1952.

GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at $5.00	Per Capita at $1.20	G.E. Eye Assessment	TOTAL
St. John's	1	586	567	7	1	2	4	1	0	24	35.00	680.40	558.00	1,273.40
Boston	2	1,221	1,189	30	2	6	6	20	0	38	150.00	1,426.80	1,221.00	2,797.80
Newburyport	3	311	303	10	0	0	4	9	0	5	50.00	363.60	307.00	720.60
Washington	4	94	96	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	10.00	115.20	82.00	207.20
Worcester County	5	712	702	39	1	0	7	3	—9	31	195.00	842.40	695.00	1,732.40
Springfield	6	495	498	18	0	0	3	0	0	12	90.00	597.60	475.00	1,162.60
De Molay	7	823	832	31	0	0	4	0	0	18	155.00	998.40	800.00	1,953.40
Holy Sepulchre	8	358	351	7	0	1	0	3	0	12	35.00	421.20	339.00	795.20
Pilgrim	9	314	312	17	1	0	4	0	—1	15	85.00	374.40	306.00	765.40
Palestine	10	213	215	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	20.00	258.00	208.00	486.00
Milford	11	171	170	3	0	0	0	0	—1	2	15.00	204.00	164.00	383.00
St. Bernard	12	92	94	3	2	0	1	0	0	2	15.00	112.80	92.00	219.80
Calvary	13	583	563	7	0	1	7	0	0	20	35.00	675.60	529.00	1,239.60
Haverhill	14	394	414	30	2	0	2	2	0	9	150.00	496.80	361.00	1,007.80
Old Colony	15	215	211	6	0	0	4	0	0	6	30.00	253.20	211.00	494.20
Sutton	16	556	534	10	1	0	5	10	0	18	50.00	640.80	540.00	1,230.80
Bethany	17	149	151	15	0	0	0	3	0	10	75.00	181.20	139.00	395.20
Winslow Lewis	18	200	200	8	0	0	3	1	0	4	40.00	240.00	192.00	472.00
Jerusalem	19	304	309	21	1	1	1	3	0	14	105.00	370.80	286.00	761.80
Hugh De Payens	20	577	559	9	0	1	11	1	0	16	45.00	670.80	557.00	1,272.80
St. Omer	21	299	290	2	0	1	3	0	0	9	10.00	348.00	283.00	641.00
Berkshire	22	284	311	33	0	0	1	2	0	4	165.00	373.20	251.00	789.20
Connecticut Valley	23	133	131	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	25.00	157.20	119.00	301.20
Woonsocket	24	152	162	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	50.00	194.40	139.00	383.40
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	128	139	14	0	0	1	1	0	1	70.00	166.80	125.00	361.80
Joseph Warren	26	165	154	1	0	0	1	2	0	9	5.00	184.80	151.00	340.80
Narragansett	27	190	191	5	0	0	1	1	0	2	25.00	229.20	189.00	443.20
Bristol	29	272	275	16	0	0	0	1	0	11	80.00	330.00	266.00	676.00
Northampton	30	114	116	7	0	0	3	2	0	3	35.00	139.20	108.00	282.20
South Shore	31	155	160	16	1	0	1	1		8	80.00	192.00	145.00	417.00
Trinity	32	191	194	10	0	0	3	0	0	6	50.00	232.80	187.00	469.80
Natick	33	285	283	12	0	0	1	4	0	9	60.00	339.60	264.00	663.60
Coeur De Lion	34	377	383	25	2	1	2	8	0	12	125.00	459.60	337.00	921.60
Gethsemane	35	471	455	14	0	0	9	13	0	8	70.00	546.00	451.00	1,067.00
Olivet	36	418	400	7	0	1	2	4	0	20	35.00	480.00	406.00	921.00
Athol	37	128	123	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	00.00	147.60	128.00	275.60
Bay State	38	372	371	8	0	0	2	0	0	7	40.00	445.20	354.00	839.20
Cyprus	39	161	166	11	2	0	3	1	0	4	55.00	199.20	158.00	412.20
St. Paul	40	107	104	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5.00	124.80	102.00	231.80
Beauseant	41	312	309	8	0	0	2	3	0	6	40.00	370.80	301.00	711.80
Cambridge	42	145	157	17	3	0	3	0	0	5	85.00	188.40	128.00	401.40
Bethlehem	43	180	182	7	0	1	0	0	0	5	35.00	218.40	153.00	406.40
Orange	45	69	74	7	0	0	1	6	0	2	35.00	88.80	69.00	192.80
Ivanhoe	46	260	250	4	0	1	1	4	0	7	20.00	300.00	247.00	567.00
Quincy	47	289	277	5	1	0	8	2	0	6	25.00	332.40	285.00	642.40
Temple	48	196	215	23	0	2	3	2	0	1	115.00	258.00	189.00	562.00
St. Andrew	49	163	165	9	1	0	2	3	0	3	45.00	198.00	157.00	400.00
Reading	50	323	336	23	1	1	4	0	—1	7	115.00	403.20	320.00	838.20
Thomas Smith Webb	51	189	194	14	1	0	2	1	0	7	70.00	232.80	187.00	489.80
Sir Galahad	52	163	164	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	15.00	196.80	163.00	374.80
Total		15,059	15,001	594	25	13	129	116	12	433	2,970.00	18,001.20	14,424.00	35,395.20

Massachusetts: Membership Last Year, 12,907; Membership This Year, 12,877; Massachusetts Loss, 30.
Rhode Island: Membership Last Year, 2,152; Membership This Year, 2,124; Rhode Island Loss, 28.

ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Commandery	No.	Recorder	Address
St. John's	1	Henry H. Wardle	80 Belvidere Blvd., No. Providence 11, R.I.
Boston	2	Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.	8 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass.
Washington	4	Raymond E. Crowell	P.O. Box 163, Main Office, Newport, R. I.
Worcester County	5	Walter B. Taylor	70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Ian McEvan Martin	79 Central St., Springfield, Mass.
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	P. O. Box 21, Wellesley, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Arthur L. Wilbur	28 Farnum St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	Arthur E. Dyar	269 Beacon St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	Frank E. Milley	165 Grove St., Chelsea, Mass.
Milford	11	Kelsie E. Townsend	Bates St., R.F.D., Mendon, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Chester W. Eaton	1363 Highland Ave., Needham 92, Mass.
Calvary	13	Charles H. Leffingwell	131 Alexander St., Cranston, R. I.
Haverhill	14	Vance A. Mattison	P.O. Box 125, Bradford, Mass.
Old Colony	15	William E. Cookson	38 Center Ave., Abington, Mass.
Sutton	16	Wendall M. Hardy	188 Court St., New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany	17	Fred M. Barr	1076 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Walter D. Cooke	25 Mill St., So. Hamilton, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	George A. Weeks	40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass.
Berkshire	22	Karl Olavi Lepisto	79 Foole Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley	23	Philip A. Miller	Box 86, Shelburne Falls, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	Floyd C. Arnold	172 (Rear) Great Road, Woonsocket, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Charles Duncan	P. O. Box 215, Swansea, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Ernest J. Comi	1 Pagoda St., Milton 86, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Donald W. Kenneth	118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I.
Bristol	29	Edwin H. Thomas	21 Warren Ave., Atteboro, Mass.
Northampton	30	Ledyard A. Southard	Rock Hill Road, Hadley, Mass.
South Shore	31	William J. Williams	16 Nickerson Rd., E. Braintree, Mass.
Trinity	32	William A. Manson	28 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass.
Natick	33	John M. Tassey	No. 7, Dewey St., Natick, Mass.
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	John Burton Naylor	11 Byrd Ave., West Newton, Mass.
Olivet	36	Frank A. McPhee	50 Clearview Ave., E. Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	Leon E. Whitney	404 Unity Ave., Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	James E. Perry	64 Pearl St., Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Chester Leo Crawford	9 Tremont St., Dedham, Mass.
St. Paul	40	Duncan McNaughton	131 Marion Ave., No. Adams, Mass.
Beauseant	41	Charles W. Gurdy	63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Harold W. Adams	33 Pigeon Hill St., Rockport, Mass.
Orange	45	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe	46	LeRoy M. Giddings	3 E. Broadway, Gardner, Mass.
Quincy	47	Clark H. Overhiser	5 Farm Hill Lane, Hingham, Mass.
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass.
St. Andrew	49	Arvin C. M. French	148 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass.
Reading	50	Hector MacFarlane	18 Hartshorn St., Reading, Mass.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Thomas Lincoln Rusk	3 Wheeler Ave., Cranston 5, R. I.
Sir Galahad	52	Byrd Denver Goss	125 Arlington St., West Acton, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1805—1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. John's	1	1889—1890	*James Swords	Hugh de Payens	20
1818—1820	*William Wilkinson	St. John's	1	1890—1891	*John P. Sanborn	Washington	4
1820—1826	*Henry Fowle	Boston	2	1891—1892	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Worcester County	5
1826—1829	*John Carlile	St. John's	1	1892—1893	*William H. H. Soule	St. Omer	21
1829—1832	*John J. Loring	Boston	2	1893—1894	*Charles C. Fry	Olivet	36
1832—1833	*Robert Lash	Boston	2	1894—1895	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Boston	2
1833—1835	*Edward A. Raymond	Boston	2	1895—1896	*Eugene H. Richards	Boston	2
1835—1837	*Araham A. Dame	Boston	2	1896—1897	*William R. Walker	Holy Sepulchre	8
1837—1839	*John Hews	Boston	2	1897—1898	*Walter Cutting	Berkshire	22
1839—1842	*Charles W. Moore	Boston	2	1898—1899	*George L. Shepley	St. John's	1
1842—1845	*John Flint	Boston	2	1899—1900	*Herbert F. Morse	Joseph Warren	26
1845—1847	*John B. Hammatt	Boston	2	1900—1901	*Winthrop Messenger	Hugh de Payens	20
1847—1848	*Ruel Baker	Boston	2	1901—1902	*George E. Hilton	Olivet	36
1848—1851	*John R. Bradford	Boston	2	1902—1903	*George H. Kenyon	Calvary	13
1851—1854	*James Hutchison	Holy Sepulchre	8	1903—1904	*Freeman C. Hersey	Winslow Lewis	18
1854—1856	*Simon W. Robinson	DeMolay	7	1904—1905	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14
1856—1858	*Daniel Harwood	Boston	2	1905—1906	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6
1858—1860	*Winslow Lewis	Boston	2	1906—1907	*E. Bentley Young	Joseph Warren	26
1860—1862	*William Field	St. John's	1	1907—1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2
1862—1863	*William Ellison	Boston	2	1908—1909	*John D. Munroe	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1863—1865	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	9	1909—1910	*Walter W. Burnham	St. John's	1
1865—1867	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. John's	1	1910—1911	*J. Albert Blake	Winslow Lewis	18
1867—1869	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	12	1911—1912	*Lafayette C. Blair	Cambridge	42
1869—1871	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	21	1912—1913	*Frank L. Nagle	Gethsemane	35
1871—1873	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	13	1913—1914	*William W. Johnson	Worcester County	5
1873—1875	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	9	1914—1915	*Walter F. Medding	Beauseant	41
1875—1877	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. John's	1	1915—1916	*Frederick I. Dana	Calvary	13
1877—1879	*John Dean	Worcester County	5	1916—1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield	6
1879—1880	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Calvary	13	1917—1918	*William H. Emerson	Bay State	38
1880—1882	*William H. Kent	Coeur de Lion	34	1918—1919	*William J. Bolton	Athol	37
1882—1884	*Caleb Saunders	Bethany	17	1919—1920	*Everett C. Benton	St. Bernard	12
1884—1885	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Pilgrim	9	1920—1921	Harry C. Pollard	Pilgrim	9
1885—1886	*George H. Burnham	St. John's	1	1921—1922	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8
1886—1887	*Edward P. Chapin	Springfield	6	1922—1923	*James S. Blake	Boston	2
1887—1888	*George H. Allen	Olivet	36	1923—1924	*Charles R. Hunt	Sutton	16
1888—1889	*Edward L. Freeman	Holy Sepulchre	8	1924—1925	*Asa C. Jewett	Gethsemane	35

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Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1925—1926	*Clarence M. Dunbar	Bristol	29	1943—1944	George B. Sampson	St. Andrew	49
1926—1927	James A. Gunn	Connecticut Valley	23	1944—1945	*G. Lester Marston	Coeur de Lion	34
1927—1928	*Norris G. Abbott	St. John's	1	1945—1946	Frank H. Wilson	Hugh de Payens	20
1928—1929	*Clarence E. Burleigh	DeMolay	7	1946—1947	Harold S. Crocker	Bay State	38
1929—1930	*Charles F. White	Beauseant	41	1947—1948	George A. Weeks	St. Omer	21
1930—1931	*Frederick H. Briggs	Boston	2	1948—1949	*A. Kenneth Martin	South Shore	31
1931—1932	*Benjamin F. Downing	Washington	4	1949—1950	Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.	Boston	2
1932—1933	*George L. Dodd	Joseph Warren	26	1950—1951	*J. Herbert Hinds	Quincy	47
1933—1934	William S. Hamilton	St. Paul	40	1951—1952	Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Pilgrim	9
1934—1935	*Arthur S. Vaughn	St. John's	1	1952—1953	Frederic Kennedy	Natick	33
1935—1936	Harold W. Sprague	Bay State	38	1953—1954	Harrie M. Taft	Calvary	13
1936—1937	*Charles T. Converse	Springfield	6	1954—1955	Kenneth H. Earle	St. John's	1
1937—1937	*George T. Everett	DeMolay	7	1955—1956	Mortimer W. Schroeder	Beauseant	41
1937—1938	*Adelbert E. Place	Calvary	13	1956—1957	Thomas A. Booth	Sutton	16
1938—1939	*Harrison Hyslop	Gethsemane	35	1957—1958	Dwight C. Page	Worcester County	5
1939—1940	*Arthur A. A. Stewart	Pilgrim	9	1958—1959	Alfred C. Blake	Boston	2
1940—1941	*John E. Rines	Haverhill	14	1959—1960	Elliott N. Holley	DeMolay	7
1941—1942	*Arlan M. Spencer	Orange	45	1960—1961	Clarence E. Booth	Jerusalem	19
1942—1943	*William O. Tuckerman	Cyprus	39				

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THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

	Names	Years	Residence	Died
1	DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2	Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3	James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	
4	Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5	William B. Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6	Benjamin B. French	1859-1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7	Henry L. Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8	William Sewall Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9	John Q. A. Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10	James H. Hopkins	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11	Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12	Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13	Robert E. Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14	Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15	John P. S. Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16	Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17	Warren LaRue Thomas	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18	Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19	Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20	Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21	Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22	Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23	Arthur MacArthur	1913-1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24	Lee S. Smith	1914-1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25	Joseph K. Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26	Leonidas P. Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27	George W. Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 20, 1933
28	William L. Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29	Percy W. Weidner	1931-1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30	Harry C. Walker	1932-1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31	Andrew D. Agnew	1932-1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 29, 1951
32	Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33	Harry G. Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, Mass.	
34	Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35	John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, Texas	
36	Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37	William Catron Gordon	1952-1955	Marshall, Mo.	Jan. 10, 1959
38	Walter A. DeLamater	1955-1958	Rhinebeck, New York	
39	Louis Henry Wieber	1958-1961	Cleveland, Ohio	
40	Paul Miller Moore	1961-	Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
Velmar A. Meadows	Opelika	Alabama	E. Sir William Turner	Holyoke, Mass.
Charles H. Taylor	San Luis	Arizona	E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin	New Boston, Mass.
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John B. Phelps	Miami	Florida	R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page	Shrewsbury, Mass.
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Walter A. Tillett	Danville	Kentucky	E. Sir Harold L. Burr	Needham, Mass.
Hepburn Byrd	Bogalusa	Louisiana	E. Sir William S. Cooper	Medford, Mass.
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Norman Strippy	Baltimore	Maryland	R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder	Everett, Mass.
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Franklin King	Austin	Minnesota	R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth	New Bedford, Mass.
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Arnold T. Clements	Rochester	New Hampshire	R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake	Boston, Mass.
Louis H. Budd	Newton	New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Herbert C. Denny	Gallup	New Mexico	E. Sir Charles Harrington	Arlington, Mass.
John J. Turnbull	Batavia	New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson	Melrose, Mass.
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Robert R. Dollahan	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E. Sir William H. Evans	Brockton, Mass.
Howard R. Malone	Dayton	Ohio	R. E. George A. Weeks	Melrose, Mass.
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Paul C. Rodenhauser	Columbia	Pennsylvania	E. Sir Charles Harrington	Cranston, R. I.
Jesse T. Anderson	Columbia	South Carolina	E. Sir Thomas C. Brown	Medford Hill, Mass.
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			R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle	

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens	Payens de Montidier
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar	Archibald de Saint Aman
Roral	Andre de Montbar
Gundemar	Count of Provence
Godfrey Bisol	

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of DeMolay

		A.D.			A.D.
1	Hugh de Payens	1118	14	Philip de Plessis	1201
2	Robert of Burgundy	1139	15	William de Carnota	1217
3	Everard de Barri	1147	16	Peter de Montagu	1218
4	Bernard de Trenellape	1151	17	Armand de Petragrossa	1229
5	Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154	18	Herman de Petragrorius	1237
6	Andrew de Montbar	1165	19	William de Rupefort	1244
7	Philip of Naplus	1169	20	William de Sonnac	1247
8	Odo de St. Amand	1171	21	Reginald Vichierius	1250
9	Arnold de Troye	1180	22	Thomas Beraud	1257
10	John Terricus	1185	23	William de Beaujeau	1274
11	Gerard Ridefort	1187	24	Rheobald Gaudinius	1291
12	Robert Sablaeus	1191	25	Jacques de Molay	1298
13	Robert Gralius	1196		DeMolay died in 1314.	

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1961.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time. A. D. 1961 = A. L. 5961.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D. 1961 = A. I. 2491.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1961 = A. Dep. 2961.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1961 = A. O. 843.

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